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'Prosecution Story, A Fabrication'

BANERJEE'S ARGUMENTS IN GANDHI MURDER TRIAL

Madanlal's Activities Explainable

RED FORT NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (U.P.I.): At the resumed hearing of the Gandhi Murder Case, Mr. B. N. Banerjee, Counsel for Madanlal Pahwa, continued his argument in the Court of Mr. Atma Charan, Special Judge, Red Fort, Delhi.

PROF. JAIN'S ACCOUNT 'EXAGGERATED'

Referring to the evidence of Prof. Jain, Mr. Banerjee submitted that his evidence was contradicted by Mr. Morarji Desai and Mr. Angad Singh. It appeared that though Prof. Jain had no malice, he had exaggerated the story under stress of extraordinary circumstances. Mr. Morarji Desai and Mr. Nagarwala attached not much importance to the story of Prof. Jain. Otherwise they would have certainly taken some action. Mr. Nagarwala did not act till a Delhi police officer went to Bombay and then Mr. Nagarwala issued orders for the arrest of Badge. From this it appeared that Mr. Nagarwala did not believe what Prof. Jain had told him. If he had done so, then certainly he would have taken some action immediately as according to the prosecution, the conspiracy was hatched in the Bombay Presidency. It was also establihsed that Prof. Jain's statement made to Mr. Morarji Desai on January 21 was not so terrible as his deposition in the Court. So, Mr. Banerjee sumitted, it was quite clear that Prof. Jain's deposition was definitely an exaggerated account.

Referring to the incident in Dikshit Maharaj's house Mr. Banerjee said that it was quite unnatural for Apte to have asked Madanlal and Karkare in the presence of Dikshit Maharaj to take the stuff to Delhi, if at all Madanlal and Karkare had knowledge of the conspiracy.

Recalling what actually happened in Dikshit Mahraj's house, Mr. Banerjee observed that Apte handed over the stuff to Karkare and asked him to proceed to Delhi on the same evening either by the Punjab Mail or the Frontier Mail. According to the approver's evidence, Madanlal and Karkare had already decided to proceed to Delhi.

There was, therefore, no need for Apte to have repeated to them to proceed to Delhi if Madanlal and Karkare were involved in the conspiracy, Mr. Banerjee argued.

Continuing, Mr. Banerjee said that according to the Prosecution, on the instruction of Apte, Badge procured the "stuff" for him on January 10.

ARMS NOT MEANT FOR CONSPIRACY

The reply of the Defence was that the arms were procured not for the alleged conspiracy to kill Mahatma Gandhi but for something else. Badge said in his evidence that the "stuff" which he handed over to Amdas Kharat on January 16 was a part of the stuff ordered by Apte. The "stuff" was there on Apte's instruction and Apte was to take it. If the inference was correct, then the stuff was meant for Hyderabad State, he added.

According to Badge, Apte said that he and Nathuram Godse should be supplied with five hand-grenades and two gun cotton slabs and that these should be supplied in Bombay. Apte gave complete instructions to Badge in this connection. Apte and Nathuram Godse also told him that the 'stuff' should be supplied to them at the Hindu Mahasabha office, Dadar. Mr. Banerjee suggested that these incidents were deliberately arranged like this to establish the case. Therefore, there was a deliberate attempt on the part of the Prosecution to fabricate it.

Then, Mr. Banerjee continued, what was the necessity to keep the "stuff" in the house of Dikshit Maharaj? If there was a cosnpiracy, then what was natural was that Apte should have taken the "stuff" to Delhi, and why should he have asked Badge to take the same to Bombay? If Badge could carry the stuff from Poona to Bombay, would he not carry the stuff from Poona to Delhi? Mr. Banerjee asked.

Rerferring to the evidence of Dikshit Maharaj, Mr. Banerjee submitted that if the Court felt any doubt about the evidence of a man, then he would certainly have asked for corroboration.

DIKSHIT'S EVIDENCE INCONCLUSIVE

Referring to Dikshit Maharaj's evidence, Mr. Banerjee remarked that his evidence could not be accepted. On January 15, Dikshit Maharaj instructed Apte how to operate a hand-grenade, and therefore, Mr. Banerjee contended, Dikshit Maharaj might himself be an accomplice in the plot, and as such, his evidence against the accused could not be accepted.

Further, Mr. Banerjee argued, Dikshit Maharaj's evidence instead of corroborating that of the approver, actually contradicted it.

The identification of Madanlal by Dikshit Maharaj also could not be upheld because Dikshit Maharaj did not identify Madanlal by name but only as a Punjabi refugee.

Mr. Banerjee arguing further, observed that if Madanlal and Karkare could have brought the "stuff" all the way from Bombay to Delhi in a bedding in an over-crowded third class compartment, there was no reason why they could not have kept the "stuff" in the office of the Hindu Mahasabha instead of keeping it in Dikshit Maharaj's house, in view of the fact that Apte and Nathuram did not take Dikshit Maharaj into their confidence.

Referring to the actual explosion incident in January 20, Mr. Banerjee said that when the explosion took place, Karkare was standing near Gandhiji, according to the Prosecution. It was also maintained by the explosives expert that the gun-cotton slab was such that its explosion would hurt persons within a range of fifty to sixty yards. Therefore, unless the Prosecution held that all of them had gone to the prayer-ground on January 20 as a "Suicide Squad", Karkare's standing near Gandhiji could be explained, said Mr. Banerjee, and added that this act on the part of the conspirators was rather unbelievable.

MADANLAL'S MOVEMENTS ABOVE SUSPICION

Referring to Madanlal's activities during the period of his stay in the Shariff Hotel between January 17 and 19, Mr. Banerjee said that during this period he was not behaving in the manner of a conspirator. He went to his would-be bride's house, gave Anchekar his correct address in Bombay, attended the meeting which was addressed by Mr. Jai Prakash Narain and made a demonstration. Such open acts of Madanlal, did not reasonably justify him to be a conspirator, Mr. Banerpee maintained.

Regarding the plan as recorded by Badge's evidence, the plot was to kill Gandhiji, Pandit Nehru and Mr. Suhrawardy. Still on the 19th or 20th of January, there was no attempt on the part of the conspirators at the life of Mr. Suhrawardy. Even after the incident of January 10, they had ample time. The prosecution had not shown any effort on the part of the conspirators to take away the life of Mr. Suhrawardy. Nor did they prove that the conspirators might have changed their plan later.

Mr. Banerjee further said that the fact that on January 19, Gopal Godse, Madanlal and Badge were in the Hindu Mahasabha Bhawan on an open place near a Dharamsala did not also reflect well any act of the conspirators, Mr. Banerjee argued.

The Court then rose for lunch.

MADANLAL LEFT OUT OF 'DRAMA'

Mr. Banerjee then said that Badge in his evidence had stated that on the morning of January 20, Apte took him along with Shankar to Birla House to show him the trellis works through which a hand-grenade was to be thrown at Mahatma Gandhi. But, Mr. Banerjee submitted, Madanlal who was to start the 'drama' was left behind. If there was a conspiracy, he argued, then Madanlal, who was to begin the 'drama' should have been taken to Birla House.

Again Badge, in his evidence, did not say that he was assigned any work on the morning of January 20. Why then was Badge taken to Birla House, if no work was assigned to him, asked Mr. Banerjee. He submitted that the prosecution wanted the Court to hold that Apte had something in his mind at that time. If that was the case, then why was Madanlal, who was to ignite the gun cotton slab, not taken to Birla House?

Mr. Banerjee then referred to the meeting of the accused in Marina Hotel on the afternoon of January 20 and said that Badge in his evidences said that Madanlal and Karkare were asked to go to Marina Hotel ahead. He also said that arms and ammunition were distributed among the "conspirators", but the distribution of arms could have easily been arranged in the Hindu Mahasabha Bhawan. There was no necessity of their assembling in Marina Hotel for this purpose. Moreover, he argued the ams could be distributed easily in the Hindu Mahasabha Bhawan especially when Nathuram Godse and Apte were given no 'stuff' whatsoever.

WHOLE STORY FABRICATED BY PROSECUTION

Continuing, Mr. Banerjee said that to add to the absurdity after the meeting at Marina Hotel, they came back to the Hindu Mahasabha Bhawan to keep the 'stuff' brought by Gopal. But this was a strange story. Gopal took leave and came to Delhi but at the right moment he left back his 'stuff'. Mr. Banerjee submitted that the whole story was made up after all the searches had taken place. The story appeared to have been manufactured by the Prosecution sometime in the middle of February 1948, he added.

Mr. Banerjee said that the statement of Badge who was arrested on January 31, was not recorded before February 21. Similarly, although Mr. Nagarwala contacted Dr. Jain on February 4, his statement was not recorded till February 17. Therefore, Mr. Banerjee said, that it was a deliberate attempt to fabricate the story. The Prosecution also made attempts in the Court to improve the case. The hearing of the case started on June 24 and the approver was pardoned on June 21. Mr. Banerjee said that under law an approver should have been produced before the Court as a first witness in the criminal case but in this case the Prosecution did not produce him before the middle of July. These facts clearly indicated that the Prosecution made every attempt to improve their case. So far as this case is concerned the police should not have acted like this.

Referring to the alleged directive given by Nathuram to Badge in Marina Hotel on January 20, when Nathuram said, Badge "this is our last chance and see that the work is accomplished", Mr. Banerjee asked that if according to Badge this was their last attempt, then where was the first attempt? This was another attempt. Mr. Banerjee submitted, of the Prosecution to put words in the mouth of the accused through their witnesses.

Dealing with the distribution of arms at Marina Hotel on January 20, Mr. Banerjee said that Badge stated that the arms were distributed among the "conspirators" according to his suggestions. How was it then, Mr. Banerjee asked, when Apte and Godse were the 'brain' behind the conspiracy, that they had changed their own plot and accepted the suggestions of Badge? This was another absurd story.

Mr. Banerjee then dealt with that part of Badge's evidence which related to the assumption of false names by the accused in Marina Hotel on January 20 and said that if false names were to be assumed at all they should have been assumed at the beginning of the conspiracy and not at the eleventh hour. He submitted before the Court that the story of assuming false names was also manufactured in order to connect Badge with "Bandophan" mentioned in the diary of Nathuram on January 14.

EVIDENCES CONTRARY

Mr. Bannerjee then referred to the behaviour of Madanlal at the prayer ground on January 20, and pointed out that it falsified the approver's evidence. Badge had stated in his evidence that Madanlal, after placing the slab of gun-cotton on the wall behind Birla House, went to the car which was standing near the circle and conferred with the other members of the party and then returned to the slab, and applied the match to it. But, according to the evidence of Miss Sulochana who had stated that she saw all the acts of Madanlal, there was no interval between the placing of the slab and its being ignited.

Further, according to approver, Madanlal was to apply the match only when Apte had given him the signal. This piece of evidence was also falsified by Miss Sulochana's evidence Mr. Bannerjee said.

Mr. Banerjee, therefore, argued that it was unnatural to believe that Madanlal was involved in the conspiracy as the evidences which implicated him in the plot were contradictory.

Mr. Banerjee had not concluded his arguments when the Court rose for the day.

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 23 (API): Babu Purushottamdas Tandon, Speaker of the U.P. Legislative Assembly, told pressmen: "What Stalin says is regarded as Communism and we should not tie our country to such Russianism. Socialism, however, is different, and it is being increasingly adopted in our country.

X'mas Ceremony At Police Club

Large numbers of children assembled to witness a Magic Show at the Police Club on Thursday morning.

ETHIOPIA DEMANDS SURRENDER OF BADOGLIO AND GRAZIANI

Official Notes To Big Three Powers

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter): Ethiopia has demanded the surrender by Italy of Marshal Pietro Badoglio, former Italian Prime Minister, and Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, former Italian "Governor-General" of Ethiopia, for trial as war criminals, the Ethiopian Legation in London announced to-day.

The demand was made in identical notes addressed to the British, United States and Russian Governments requesting them, under the terms of the Italian peace treaty, to instruct their Ambassadors in Rome to represent Ethiopia in discussions with the Italian Government.

The note named 10 Italians stated to have been listed by the United Nations war crimes tribunal in May, 1948, as guilty of war crimes and stated that Ethiopia had decided to bring only two of those men to trial, Marshals Badoglio and Graziani, "as the persons most responsible for the policy of systematic terrorism during the occupation."

They would be tried before an International Tribunal constituted by the Ethiopian Government with a majority of non-Ethiopian judges. Legal principles and procedure would be the same as those adopted by the Nuremberg tribunal.

CHARGES—D'AFFAIRS FOR ITALY

Mr. R. S. Mani left for London on Tuesday on the Air-India International. From London he is to proceed to Rome where he will assume the responsibilities of Charges-d'Affairs for Italy.

Bombay Premier's Impressions Of Jaipur Congress

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. B. G. Kher, Prime Minister of Bombay, giving his impressions on the Jaipur session of the Congress to pressmen to-day, hoped that it would be the last Congress session to be held with "the mela spirit".

"When we had to fight the British and convince our own people of the possibility and necessity of doing so, these functions had a great demonstrative value and psychological effect. In my opinion that necessity no longer exists", he added.

Mr. Kher said, "There was a good deal of enthusiasm among the old devotees of the Congress as the lavish splendour of the session came after a number of years. But we must pause and think whether what we can achieve by a huge congregation like this is proportionate to the labour and the cost it entails."

The need of the hour, the Prime Minister observed, was consistent unity and earnest effort in nation-building constructive activities. "More unity, more production, less strikes, less insistence on rights and more observance of duties—that should be the spirit till India is firmly launched on its course", he maintained.

"Until life is made less miserable to the masses, until the fundamentals of security, food and clothing are met, there is no room for dissessions", he asserted.

It was by the ceaseless efforts of the Congress that the masses have been awakened to their rights and privileges. He dubbed those who strove to exploit this awakening among the masses for their own party ends as enemies of society.

In his view, the future session of the Congress should be more business like and less glamourous. The meetings should be restricted to members of the A.I.C.C. and the delegates only and not to spectators.

MR. R. K. NEHRU

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (Reuter): Mr. R. K. Nehru, Former Indian Minister to the United States, arrived in New York today from Washington on his way to Stockholm to head the dominions legation which is being opened there.

Accompanied by his wife and son, he is sailing tomorrow in the 'Queen Elizabeth' and will spend a few days in London before continuing to Stockholm about January one.

NO 'IND IMP' IN BRITISH COINS

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter)—His Majesty the King approved last night speciment re-designed British coins from which the words "Ind Imp" ("Emperor of India") are omitted as a result of Britain's surrender of power in the India sub-continent.

The aliered coins will be struck from January first next.

The change accords with a royal proclamation issued on June 23 last, after legislation in the British and Dominions Parliament, which ordered that the words "India's Imperator" should be omitted "so far as conveniently might be in all instruments on which the royal style and titles are used."

MR. N. RAGHAVAN

PRAGUE, Dec. 22 (Reuter): Mr. N Raghavan, Indian Ambassador to Czechoslovakia, today called on Czech Foreign Minister Vladimir Clementis and later Prime Minister Antonin Zapotocky.

RAJKUMAR'S REJOINDER TO PORTUGUESE MINISTER

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (UPI)—In a rejoinder to a statement recently made by the Portuguese Minister for Colonies, Dr. N. V. Rajkumar, Foreign Secretary of the A.-I.C.C., says:

"The Portuguese Minister for Colonies is reported to have asserted recently his country's intention to maintain her sovereignty in Portuguese India. The resolution on the future of foreign possessions in India passed by the Jaipur Congres is the fittest reply to this Imperialist who does not seem to have read his history well. His attempts to mislead people by saying that half the population of Portuguese India were Christians with Western habit and that they would lose by union with India is meaningless and futile in the context of the assurance of cultural autonomy guafranteed in the Congress resolution. After all India has a much bigger population of Christians who are quite happy and contented here. Some of them have risen to the highest positions in the public life of the country. I do not understand why addiction to Western ways should denationalise anyone. Some of our topmost leaders have grown up in Western ways and have imbibed a great deal of Western thought and culture. But they have not ceased to be Indians thereby. Like the drowning man clutching at the proverbial straw, the Portuguese are discovering flimsy and puerile reasons for holding on to their possessions here. If they believe that the people of these areas want them to remain, they are mistaken as they will soon find out for themselves.

There is no doubt that the Portuguese will also have to quit India as British have done. When the lion left the feast can the jackals remain? It is for Portugal to choose whether their departure shall be voluntary and pleasant or otherwise."

R. I. A. F. Plane Crash At Poona

POONA, Dec 23 (A.P.I): An R.I.A.F. Plane crashed at Shirwal, 35 miles from Poona on the Poona-Satara road on Tuesday killing Pilot-Officer Issac.

The plane was on a practice flight. The cause of the accident is being investigated into by the R.I.A.F. headquarters in Poona.

The body of the pilot was brought here and the funeral with full military honours was held this afternoon. Wing Commander J. C. Verma, Officer Commanding R.I.A.F. at Poona and representatives of army units stationed in Poona attended the funeral.

Ashes Of Executed Jap War Leaders

TOKYO, Dec 23 (Reuter): An army truck left Yokohama crematorium today carrying seven caskets containing the ashes of General Hideki Tojo and the six other convicted Japanese war leaders executed just after midnight.

Japanese observers said it went to the American cemetery.

In Tokyo, the former premier's family held a funeral ceremony beside and unpainted pinewood coffin containing Tojo's nails and a lock of his hair.

LAY EMPHASIS ON BINDING ASPECTS

NEHRU'S APPEAL TO HISTORIANS AT I. H. R. C. SESSION

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22 (API): Inaugurating the Silver Jubilee session of the Indian Historical Records Commission at the Delhi University this mornng, the Prime Minister, Pandit, Jawaharlal Nehru, urged that historians should seek to lay emphasis more on the binding aspects of history and events rather than on the fissiparous and disruptive tendencies in the world.

This, he submitted, could be done without sacrificing precisiness, truth and scholarship. Historians must also develop a popular approach to history, so that instead of its having an appeal only to a choice circle of scholars, it could be made intelligible and understandable for the people as a whole. He was sorry to say that most books on history today were written in a lifeless and dull manner. There was no flesh and blood in it.

It was merely dry-bones. History was after all a record of human progress, the struggle of the human spirit for some unknown or known objectives. In the old days history was written mainly on political or religious lines, and to some extent on cultural lines. Later on, a great deal of stress was laid on the economic aspect which was undoubtedly very important although it was by no means the only aspect.

But apart from all this, he supposed that ultimately all these problems of the world could be reduced to two or three sentences. They were problems of relationship—relationship of the individual with individual and of the individual with a group and the relationship of one group with another group or groups. All problems cultural, economic and political could be brought within this definition.

The only way to write or understand history was to evoke in the mind a picture of a living society functioning, having all the failings and virtues of the human being.

To achieve these, firstly, a very intimate knowledge of details would be necessary. The Indian Historical records Commission should collect these details secondly, these details must be clothed in a proper garb, thus giving history a semblance of life. The Prime Minister hoped that in these tasks the Commission would not be confined to themselves and to their choice circle, but would also enlist the help of others outside their fold, and make history appealing to a wider public.

The Education Minister, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, who is the president of the Indian Historical Records Commission, welcomed the Prime Minister, the delegates from various parts of the country, and the representatives of the Diplomatic Corps, assembled at the Delhi Convocation Hall.

Reviewing the work of the Commission during the last twentyfive years, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad stated that the Indian Historical Records Commission had done valuable work in the past, but he drew attention to certain periods of Indian History, which had not been sufficiently explored. The relation of the Mohenjodaro civilisation to that of Southern India or to lands in the Middle East had not been properly established. They had no knowledge of the condition of India up to the seventh and eighth century and and again after the establishment of the Sultanate of Delhi. It was also strange that almost historical research and studies for even a later period were based on Persian records and overlooked material from Arabian history and literature. The decline and fall of the Moghul Empire had not been fully studied or thoroughly understood.

Another period which they must study afresh was the British connection with India. Decpite their being a wealth of material, they did not have a fair and balanced study of the period. The Time had come when a study must be made without prejudice or passion.

The Education Minister stated that despite financial and other difficulties, the programme of publications had been accelerated. It was also intended to go ahead quickly with the installation of an air-conditioning plant for the national archives.

NEHRU MAY SOLVE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS IN HYDERABAD

Princely Welcome Arranged By State People

HYDERABAD, Dec. 23 (UPI).—Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, will receive a tumultuous welcome from the people of Hyderabad on his arrival here tomorrow 'en route' to Bangalore. Villagers from the neighbouring areas are streaming into the city. Similarly trains from the districts are bringing people since yesterday.

The local people in a mood of "thanksgiving" to the head of the Indian Union that liberated them from Razakar oppression three months ago, have decorated their houses and shops with streamers and buntings and planted myriads of national flag on them. Special arches and gates have also been erected for the occasion.

In deference to the wishes of the people certain routes have been earmarked for the public to have a glimpse of the Prime Minister who will drive in an open automobile. Arrangements for the seating of one million people have been made on the spacious grounds of the Fateh Maidan which has been fitted with loud speakers. Pandit Nehru will address the gathering from the pavilion of the Maidan wherefrom His Exalted Highness the Nizam receives customary salute from the State troops on ceremonial occasions.

The Prime Minister's visit to the State is expected to provide an opportunity for thrashing out some of the outstanding problems confronting the State. As Mr. V. P. Menon, Adviser to the States Ministry, will be here today, it is quite on the cards that issues such as Hyderabad's accession to the Indian Union as an aftermath of the expiry of Standstill Agreement, the life of the Military Government, formation of an interim Ministry, elections to the proposed Constituent Assembly etc. will loom large at their conferences with the Nizam, the Military Governor, State Congress leaders and others presenting popular opinion.

Although the need for a strong impartial Government is generally stressed particularly in view of the Communist menace and the presence of unsocial elements in the State, opinion is crystalising in favour of bringing leaders of people closer to the Administration. As a via media to a total liquidation of the Military Government and the setting up in its place of an interim Ministry composed entirely of popular leaders, the consensus of opinion suggests that the present Military Government should be reconditioned and recast. It is suggested that with the exception of the Military Governor who should continue as Head of the Administration, other members of the Government, who are mostly officials, should be replaced by popular leaders with the advice of Swami Ramanand Tirth, President of the State Congress, as presenting the largest majority party in the State. This change is considered necessary in order to bring the masses of people close to the Government and awaken the best in them and also to give training to the popular leaders in the sphere of Administration.

Another task before the Prime Minister will be to lend his helping hand in resolving differences between the two sections of Congress workers and bridging the gulf dividing them today. As their differences are bound to impair the prestige of the Congress and retard the progress of democratic forces in the State, the universal demand is that he should execute this job before leaving Hyderabad.

MUTT AND JEFF—And That For All Our Readers

By BUD FISHER

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CENSUS OF INDIA'S FOREIGN LIABILITIES AND ASSETS

Individuals And Firms Must Furnish Information

The Reserve Bank of India had issued a Notification in the Gazette of India dated October 2, 1948 calling for information, as on June 30, 1948, from certain individuals and institutions in the Dominion of India and the acceded States as regards their foreign liabilities and assets. It may be noted that according to the Notification assets located in Pakistan and liabilities to Pakistnis are respectively foreign assets and liabilities. The returns are to be filed with the Director of Monetary Research Department of Research and Statistics, Reserve Bank of India, Bombay, on or before February 15, 1949.

This Notification imposes a legal obligation on the following categories of persons:

"All individuals, registered and unregistered partnerships and Indian Joint Stock Companies (including banks and insurance companies) owning assets and owing liabilities abroad, all branches of foreign firms and companies operating in India and all foreign nationals resident in India."

The concerned persons have been requested to obtain copies of the schedule forms from the nearest office of the Reserve Bank of India or the Scheduled Banks where they maintain their accounts or the Director of Monetary Research, Department of Research and Statistics, Reserve Bank of India, Post Bag No. 1036, Bombay 1. Failure to submit the information within the stipulated date or furnishing of inadequate or incorrect information would entail legal proceedings under Section 176 and 177 of the Indian Penal Code.

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CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Easier With A Limited Business

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23 (API): Holiday feeling was in evidence and the market became easier and only a limited business was put through.

Following are today's final transactions upto 2-30 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: Three per cent loan 1986 99 5 Three per cent loan 1951 54 101 4 Three per cent loan 1959 61 100. 15 Three per cent loan 1963 65 100 3 Three per cent loan 1970 75 99 15 Four per cent loan 1960 70 110 8.

BANKS: Allahabad bank conty 227 Calcutta National Bank 15 12.

COTTON: Cawnpore Textiles 10.9 (ex div).

COALS: Amalgamated 25 7 Bengal 432 Bharat Colliery 7 3 Burrakur 24 15 Deoli 6 11 Pench Valley 27 South Karanpura 28 11.

JUTES: Adamjee Pref. 154 Cunday Agarpara 25 4 Hooghly Pref. 18 Howrah 27 13.

MISCELLANEOUS: Burma Corpn. 3 1 Indian Copper 2 7 Tavoy Tin 1 5 Calcutta Electric 21. 15 Indian Malleable Casting Defd. 1 6 Indian Steel and wire Products Defd. 27.10 Jessop & Co. 16 12 Steel Corpn. 21 3 Steel Products 2. 9 Textile Machinery 7 9 B.I.C. 8 5 Indian Cable. 40 6 Ivan Jones 5 5.

SUGARS: Buland 18. 12 Carew & Co. 10.

TEAS: Amluckie 118 East India 20 12 Hansqua 18 6 Tezpore 25. 2 S Lct Hattikhira 19/6.

Karachi Cotton Market

(From Our Correspondent.)

KARACHI, Dec. 23.

Cotton Ready Sind NT 84 8, Punjab 289, F 92 8, Four F 75, New Crop NT Roller January Delivery 83 to 83 8, Sawgin 88 to 88 3. Market quiet but steady with moderate demand.

Yesterday's business totalled about 540 bales. Arrivals from upcountry 708 bales. Exports nil.

Cottonseed NT Ready 7 12, Do. New Crop 8 6 6, Dessi 11 4, Rapeseed 200 Market easy owing to slow demand.

Yesterday's arrivals from upcountry 14,121 mds. Exports totalled 3,161 bags for Mandvi, Salaya, Bedibunder and Navalakhi.

Gold Tejabi 104, Sovereigns 67/12, Silver Coins 120. Market steady owing to moderate demand from upcountry.

STOCK EXCHANGE: Quotations unchanged.

GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER DISTRIBUTION OF CEMENT

30 Per Cent Of Provincial Quota For General Public

The distribution of cement has been taken over by the Government of Bombay from the Regional Honorary Cement Officer.

Under the revised distribution system, the Government of India will allot quarterly or monthly quotas of cement for each province, the distribution of such quotas among the consumers in the Provinces being left entirely at the discretion of Provincial Governments.

The Regional Honorary Cement Adviser, Bombay, will work as liaison officer and will make bulk releases of the Provincial allotments to the Cement Supply Officer appointed by the Government of Bombay.

ALLOCATION

The Cement Supply Officer will (a) distribute cement to (i) Government Departments, (ii) small industries, (iii) quasi-Government and public bodies and (iv) the general public in the cities of Bombay, Ahmedabad and Poona (including Kirkee);

(b) allocate to Collectors quotas of cement intended for the general public in district towns having a population of more than 25,000; and

(c) allocate to District Rural Development Boards quotas of cement intended for Grow More Food projects, including demands for agricultural, water supply and housing purposes in villages and towns with a population of less than 25,000 persons.

Subject to revision in the light of experience and urgency of demand, the Provincial quota of cement will be allocated approximately to the different categories of demands as follows:

	Percentage of quota
Requirements of Public Works Department, other Provincial Departments, quasi-Government and public bodies,	30%
Grow More Fod Projects including rural demands for agricultural, water supply and housing purposes,	30%
Demands of small industries,	10%
The general public in relation to demands for house-building, repairs, etc. in district towns having a population of more than 25,000 and the cities of Bombay, Ahmedabad and Poona (including Kirkee).	30%

SYSTEM OF DISTRIBUTION

The distribution of the Provincial quota of cement will be made in the manner indicated below.

The requirements of the Public Works Department, other Provincial Departments and quasi-Government and public bodies will be assembled by the Cement Supply Officer and put up before the Co-ordinating Committee consisting of the Secretary to Government, Labour Department, the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department and the Secretary to Government, Agriculture and Rural Development Department and the Joint Secretary to Government, Education and Industries Department. The Co-ordinating Committee will meet once a month and draw up a programme of departmental allotments, lay down priority order and advice the Cement Supply Officer. Th. Assistant Housing Commissioner (Materials) will be the Cement Supply Officer.

The distribution of the quota of cement for the general public in the cities of Bombay, Ahmedabad, and Poona will be made in consultation with the Provincial Iron and Steel Rationing Officer and the Controller of Buildings, Bombay.

In the case of Grow More Food Projects, including demands for agricultural, water supply, and housing purposes and demands for the general public in towns having a population of less than 25,000 and villages, the District Rural Development Boards will distribute the quota of cement to Taluka Development Associations, Taluka Committees, Taluka Co-operative Societies etc. The basis of the quota to be fixed for sach taluka will be the same as that adopted for distribution of iron and steel.

In the case of cities with population of more than 25,000, the Collectors of the Districts will arrange the distribution of cement.

PERMIT AUTHORITY

The Cement Supply Officer, District Rural Development Boards and Collectors will be the authorities for issuing permits for their respective quotas. Supply against permits will be made by the existing stockists or local agents of the cement companies. Where no stockists or agents exist, special supply arrangements will be made by the Cement Supply Officer such as Taluka Development Associations, or Co-operative Sale Societies.

Imported cement will be distributed by the Cement Supply Officer amongst the various categories of consumers who are prepared to use imported cement after paying the higher price thereof.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Steady But Idle

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter)—Holiday atmosphere prevailed in the London Stock Exchange today. Prices in most sections remained steady with few changes of outstanding interest.

Once again there was a small demand for colliery shares which moved slightly higher.

British Government securities, oils and industrials were colourless, although store shares were a few pence off.

Foreign bonds recorded improvements in Germans and Chinese issues but foreign rails were inclined to be dull.

There was certain animation in South African minings during the earlier part of the session. Local demand for developers was keen and resulted in some gains. In idleness, however, the section closed irregular.

The Stock Exchange will be closed until Tuesday December 28.

Bullion Trade Regulated

NEW BOMBAY ORDER

The Government of Bombay has, by a notification, dated December 23, 1948, extended the Bombay Forward Contracts Control Act, 1948, to bullion with effect from December 25, 1948. By another notification issued under the same Act, a period of one day has been specified, for delivery and payment of price, for a ready delivery contract in respect of bullion. The effect of these two notifications will be that no person other than an association recognised under the Act, will be permitted to trade or transact any business other than ready delivery contracts specified above.

HIMATNAGAR TREASURY

The opening of a Huzur Treasury at Himatnagar for the new District of Mahikantha has been sanctioned by the Government of Bombay.

Prospects For New International Wheat Pact Good: Strong Support Develops For American Participation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22

Negotiations to draw up a new international wheat agreement will begin in Washington on January 25. A number of factors not present when the question of an international wheat agreement was under discussion early this year augurs more successful results from the approaching attack on the world wheat problem. Sixty-three nations have been invited to participate in the conference.

Strong support has developed recently for American participation in the revived international wheat pact

MORE ACREAGE

What to do about wheat surpluses appears to be no far-distant problem. American farmers, according to U.S. Agriculture Department estimates, plan to plant for 1949 10 per cent more acreage to wheat than the Department's recommended 71,500,000 acres.

If the 1948 yield per acre is repeated, the 1949 wheat crop may be 1,400,000,000 bushels, or some 650,000,000 bushels above American domestic consumption.

On top of this increased wheat planting in the United States for the next year, recent estimates indicate that the 1948 world wheat production is even bigger than anticipated, largely due to wheat crop improvement in Europe. These estimates now place the world crop at 6,285,000,000 bushels, 470,000,000 bushels greater than the 1947 crop and 275,000,000 bushels above the 1935-39 average.

It was to help meet precisely such situations that the World Wheat Pact was originally conceived by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Negotiations to draft an international wheat agreement began in Washington last January 28 and concluded on March 6. The negotiators' draft agreement reached after many years of effort to stabilize the world wheat market through international co-operation, was the first inter-governmental commodity agreement concluded under the auspices of the United Nations.

Although signed by representatives of three exporting nations (Australia, Canada, and the United States) and 33 importing countries, the agreement failed to become effective this year because a number of nations including the United States, had not formally ratified it by the July 1, 1948, deadline. The United States Senate committee studying the pact endorsed it in principle, but said it could not be acted on until the session of Congress meeting in January 1949, due to pressure of other legislation. Five signatory nations withdrew after the deadline passed.

APPROVAL OF NEW PACT BY NEXT CONGRESS

President Truman expresed regret at the recent FAO conference in Washington that the U.S. Congress had not ratified the original agreement. He pledged that if another one could be negotiated, he would send it for approval to the new Congress meeting in January and added: "I rather believe we will get it approved this time".

The original wheat pact agreed upon last March would have placed a 2 dol.-per-bushel ceiling on wheat for a period of five years and would have provided a sliding scale price floor of 1.50 dol. per bushel the first year, descending to 1.10 dol. in the fifth year. These prices would have applied to 500,000,000 bushels of wheat to be sold to consuming nations annually by the three great exporting countries which signed the pact—Australia, Canada and the United States.

Producing countries could market the surplus amount available above the prescribed quantity at whatever price they liked to any consuming country whether or not a party to the agreement. Similarly, consuming countries could buy additional quantities above the prescribed amounts from any supplier whether or not a party to the agreement.

The agreement, in short, simply would have assured markets and supplies on the one hand and provided protection against excessive prices and disastrous slumps on the other. —USIS.

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Business Man's Diary

SOIL CONSERVATION

At the annual meeting of the Soil Conservation Society held at Cincinnati, Ohio, Messrs. C. P. Bhimiya, assistant to the Forest Conservation Officer, Madras and A. B. S. Verma assistant professor at Nagpur. Agricultural College, took active part. They were there as trainees. They are expected to work and learn Mr. Hull, the Foreign Liaison Officer, said "We do not believe they can return to their countries and teach their people unless they know from experience how the work is done. Trainees will drive tractors, dig post holes, go out and make plans for applying conservation techniques on farms, and finally convince the farmer that he should apply these techniques to his farm. Some of trainees who have returned are busy introducing these techniques in this country.

MILK PRICE

Local milk merchants demand upward revision of milk price in Bombay. Owing to famine conditions in Gujarat and damage done by the cyclone, grass price has risen from Rs. 45 to Rs. 80. The Government has not fixed any price for grass. Similarly the price of gram bran has also increased by about 40 per cent. At present these merchants supply daily about 600 maunds of milk to the Government. This question is under discussion with the Government.

CITY MARKETS

It being the last session of the closing year, there was narrow movement but Simplex, Premier Construction and Associated Cements moved up on short covering. As usual people are always optimistic by nature and they look for active and advancing markets in coming months before any important setback sets in cotton market was inclined to be offered around ceiling prices as no further advance is possible under the Government price control scheme: Bullion market without forward trading looked like a deserted place. Produce market was firm on active buying by local crushers in groundnuts.

COMPARATIVE SHARE PRICES

There were 216 working days on the local Stock Exchange in the year 1948. Net declines in some important shares were as under:—

Tata Steel Defd. (2007 8) 1681 4—326 4.

Tata Steel Ord (393) 313 8—79 8.

Imperial Bank F.P. (2297 8) 1795—502 8.

Bombay Dyeing (1250) 1008 12—241 4

Associated Cement (191) 157 8—33 8

Tata Power (1740) 1522 8—217 8

New India (88) 58 8—29/8.

Scindia (37) 19 14—17 2.

Bellapur Sugar (352) 242 8—109 8

3% 1986 Loan (101 5 6) 99 1—2-4-6.

Quotations in brackets are those of 23 Dec. 1947

BOMBAY Stock Exchange

NARROW PRICE MOVEMENT IN TATA STEELS

BOMBAY Dec. 23.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was open to-day for one hour only. During this brief session Steel shares ruled steady throughout the session with narrow fluctuation. In Textiles Simplexes recorded appriciable improvement while others were fairly steady. Banks were very steady with small gains. In the miscellaneous section constructions were active.

Tata Steel Defds opened Rs. 3-12 higher at Rs. 1687/8 and after improving at Rs. 1690 declined to Rs. 1678 12 on scattered selling, and steadied at Rs. 1681/4. Ordinary shares were firm around Rs. 315 and later on steadied at Rs. 313/8. Bengal Steels and Indian Irons were placed at Rs. 21/3 and Rs. 24/10 respectively. Tata Steel 2nd Pref shares came in business at Rs. 135/8.

In Cotton Mill shares Simplex improved to Rs. 193 after declining at Rs. 189. Bombay Dyeings declined to Rs. 1003/12 after improving at Rs. 1011/4 and steadied at Rs. 1008/12. Central Indias were done at Rs. 254/4. Gokaks at Rs. 276. Indores at Rs. 182/8. New Greats at Rs. 164 Svadeshis at Rs. 291/8 while Kohinoors changed hands around Rs. 291/8.

Among Banks Centrals improved at Rs. 86. Imperials old opened at Rs. 1775 and advanced to Rs. 1795 while contributory found buyers at Rs. 442/8. Indians were placed at Rs. 190. Unions at Rs. 8/1 and United Commercials at Rs. 62. Tata Hydros and Powers were quoted at Rs. 152/8 and Rs. 1552/8 respectively New Indias were done at Rs. 58/8.

In the Miscellaneous Section P. Constructions were active and were placed at Rs. 145. Associated Cements also firmed up at Rs. 157/8. Belapurs were steady at Rs. 242/8 while Burmas were offered at Rs. 326/4. Scindias were steady at Rs. 19/14 and Wimcos were placed at Rs. 275. The market will now re-open on Monday the 3rd Jan.

FORWARD SECTION

Bombay Dyeing (12-8)	1008 12
Kohinoor Mills (6)	291 8
Kohinoor Mills (6)	293 8
Swadeshi Mills (22)	291 8
Central India Mills (4)	254 4
Simplex Mills (8)	189 0
New Great Eastern (10)	166 0
Indore (9 plus 3)	182 8
Gokak Mills (20) XD	276 0
Century Spinning (15)	240 0
Colaba Land and Mills (12)	148 0
India Bleaching (6)	159 0
Swan Mills (20)	322 0
Finlay Mills (1)	277 0
Morarji Goculdas (6)	507 8
Edward Sassoon (3) XR	235 0
Meyer (12)	131 4
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	3 1
India United Ord. (0-13-9)	12-1
India United Defd.	1 10
Madhusudan Mills (15)	200 0
Podar (8)	161 4
Khatau Makanji (8)	323 12
Indore Coupon	88 0
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	313 8
Tata Steel Defd. (64-15-0)	1681 4
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	135 8
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (5)	157 8
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8)	326 4
Belapur Sugar (12)	242 8
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-4)	31 8
Scindia Steam (1-4)	19 14
Premier Construction	145 0
Tata Chemical	13 2
Tata Oil (2)	56 0
Indian Iron (0-12)	24 10
Bengal Steel (0-8-0)	21 3
British India Corp. (0-10)	8-6-0
Wimco	275 0
Alcock	295 0
Belapur Coupon	60 8

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	70 0
Phoenix Mills (50)	447 8
Indian Manufacturing XD	4350 0
Koorla Mills (S)	131 4
David Mills (6)	191 4
New City Mills (10)	187 8
Minerva Mills (12)	1217 8
Bradbury Mills (12)	587 8
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	5 0
Bharat Mills (2)	34 0
Mysore Spg. Mills (8)	120 0
Madhavji Dharamsi (0-12)	15 0
Model Mills (12-8) XD	182 8
Lakshmi Cotton (25) XD	617 8
Vishnu Cotton (8) XD	227 8
Western India (40)	4095 0
Standard Mills (15)	245 0
Sholapur Mills (200)	3900 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	11 8
Hindustan Mills (40)	4290 0
Tata Mills (3)	61 0
Ahmedabad Advance Old (9)	270 0
Ahmedabad Advance New	195 0
Sassoon Silk (3)	77 8
New Union Mills (0-8)	13 1
Madhusudan B (2-8)	47 0
Srinivas Mills (8)	175 0
Raja Bahadur Ponna (4)	100 0
Berar Mills	305 0
Victoria Mills	225 0
Colaba Land Coupon	42 0
New Great New	142 0
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Hydro (4-4-0)	152 8
Andhra Valley (45)	1440 0
Tata Power (50)	1522 8
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	115 10
Ahmedabad New	12 8
Surat Electricity (2-8)	142 8
Karachi Electric (2)	127 8
Broach (0-5)	10 12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 4
Amalgamated (0-12)	12 4
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26 8
Poona Electric Supply (8)	151 4
Bombay Suburban (3) XD	142 8
Bombay Suburban New (2) XD	
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1795 0
Imperial Bank of India (8-12)	442 8
Central Bank Old (1-8)	86 0
Central Bank New (1-8)	83 8
Bank of India (4) XR	190 0
Union Bank of India (0-5	8 1
Bank of Baroda	148 8
Habib Bank (4)	158 0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	52 0
United Commercial (1-8)	62 0
Hindustan Commercial	48 12
Jaipur Bank (176)	37 0
Mysore Bank (8)	366 0
Exchange Bank (1-8)	29 8
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	105 0
INSURANCE	
Oriental (125) XD	4700 0
Empire (10)	677 0
New India (1-8)	58 8
Jupiter (1-4)	21 4
Vulcan (0-10)	11 8
Indian Mercantile (2)	39 8
Universal (0-4)	11 4
B I G (1)	19 4
Industrial and Prudential	29 4
Neptune Assurance	4 0
New Great	35 0
All India General	17 8
RAILWAY SHARES	
Central Provinces (1-14)	111 8
Pachora Jamner Rly (2-8)	118 4
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Bombay Steamer (1)	445 0
DATTARAM—	23-12-48
Bombay Burma New (5)	120 0
Burma Petrol	1-8-6
Mackenzie (6)	92 4
Port Canning (3)	69 8
Kemp and Co (30)	442 8
Kemp and Co (New)	462 8
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150 0
Industrial Invest Trust (4)	85 0
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	32 8
Mukund Iron	10 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	21 0
Associated Cement New (1-4)	142 8
Supreme India XR	123 12
Jam Wire (6)	67 8
Bombay Uganda	69 0
Bombay Motor Cycle	39 8
Indian Cement (1937)	25 0
Walchand Nagar Industries (B.S.)	155 0
United Motor	74 0
Associated Cement New (1-4)	144 8
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	1002 8
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahmadi Steam	95 0
Gujarat Motor	20 0
Sardar Carbonic XD	750 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Estrela Batteries	51 0
Prince of Wales Press	619 0
Manmad Press	120 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	190 0
Andhra Valley (7)	1255 0
Tata Power (7-8)	1302 8
Hydro Electric (7)	125 0
Bombay Steamer (6)	308 12
Central India (5)	632 8
Swadeshi Mills	128 12
Vishnu Mills (7)	632 8
Lakshmi Mills	277 8
New Great Mills (5-8)	227 8
Podar Mills (4)	108 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	117 8
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	325 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	132 8
Premier Construction 1st (6 1/4)	120 0
Premier Construction 2nd (6-4)	116 4
Amalgamated (5-8)	123 2
Habib	72 0
Tata Chemical (5)	133 12
Walchand Nagar Indus (7)	160 0
Jupiter General	19 14
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	121 4
Mackenzie 1st	85 0
Mackenzie 2nd	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	132 8
Mysore Mills	50 0
Standard Mills	101 0
Madhusudan Mills	12 0
Khatau Mills	104 0
Morarji	104 0
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952 (4)	103 8
Bombay Steamer (1959) (4-8)	101 10
Indian Hume Pipe (6)	106 0
Tata Power 1951	103 0
Walchand Nagar (6)	112 0
India Copper (1-9)	2 7
British India Corp. (0-10) CR 8	8 10
Burma Corporation	3 4
New Victoria Mill	3 0
New Victoria Pref.	5 2
Phalton Sugar (8)	119 0
Gold Mohur (20)	320 0
New Kaiser-I-Hind	400 0
Sajjan Mills (20)	150 0
Osmanshahi Mills (10) Nom.	280 0
Azam Jahi Mills (10)	330 0
Air Service XR	8 12
Ambica Air Lines	11 0
Air India (100)	118 12
Hind Motor	5 14 6
India Steam	10 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
India Copper (1-9)	2 6
Burma Corporation	3 0 6
New Victoria Mill	2 11
New Victoria Pref.	5 0
Phalton Sugar (8)	120 0
Gold Mohur (20)	280 0
New Kaiser-Hind	390 0
Sajjan Mills (20)	150 0
Osmanshahi Mills (10) Nom	280 0
Azam Jahi Mills (10)	330 0
Air Service XR	8 8
Ambica Air Lines	10 0
Air India (100)	106 4
Hind Motor	5 11
India Steam	9 15

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

2 1/4 per cent 1954	98 12
2 1/4 per cent 1950	100 14
2 1/2 per cent 1961	97 4
2 1/2 per cent 1961	97 1
2 3/4 per cent 1960	99 10
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99 12
2 3/4 per cent 1976	98 0
3 per cent Non-Terminable	99 7
3 per cent 1986 Con.	99 1
3 per cent 1949-52	100 10
3 per cent 1951-54	101 4
3 per cent 1953-55	101 10
3 per cent 1957	101 4
3 per cent 1959-61	100 14
3 per cent 1963-65	100 3
3 per cent 1966-68	99 15

NEW YORK COTTON DULL WITH LOSS OF 10 PTS.

NEW YORK, December 22 Cotton prices faded out at the close on the New York Cotton Exchange today ending an otherwise dull uneventful pre-holiday trade.

The final flurry of offerings were attributed to liquidation in discouraged longs plus selling for the year-end tax reasons which met an indifferent offtake from trade interests and exporters.

One international spot cotton firm was the accredited seller of around 7,000 bales in May at the finish. Prior to that time the market fluctuated narrowly in extremely quiet dealings. Most traders held fast to the sidelines anticipating a long week-end holiday.

The present dull situation is expected to continue until after the turn of the year by a number of traders. In fact the conviction is strengthening among usually shrewd observers that the next major price-shaping influence may come with the convening of the 81st Congress in January. The market opened three lower to three higher. Thereafter, edged upward to net gains of three to eight points during the forenoon and held relatively steady until the final flurry of hedge selling was developed. The markte finished around the lows to rule net 10 lower to two higher.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec 22.

March	32 10—08
March Highest	32.24+06
March Lowest	32.10—08
May	31.90—10
July	30 98—06
October	28 44+01
December	28 28+02
Middling Spot	32.77 08

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.

March	32 10—05
May	31.87—10
July	30 96—07
October	28.38—03
Middling Spot	31 80—10

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, Dec 22.

Karnak	
January	95 06—294
March	90 70—280
ASHMOUNI	
December	59.99—165
February	59 32—183

Record Acreage Planted To Winter Wheat In U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.

U. S. farmers have seeded a record 61,300,000 acres to winter wheat this year, the U. S. Agriculture Department estimated Monday. On the basis of present conditions, the Department forecast a 1949 harvest of 964,808,000 bushels from this acreage. The estimated production compares with the 990,095,000 bushel winter wheat harvest of 1948.

The amount of land in winter wheat this year is more than five per cent larger than last year's 58,061,000 acres, and one-fourth greater than the 10-year average of 47,684,000 acres.

The indicated yield of winter wheat at the next harvest is 15.7 bushels per seeded acre. This is about one bushel per acre higher than the ten-year average of 14.6 bushels and compares with last year's average of 17 bushels per acre.

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Dec 23.

The Local Cotton Market was quitely steady today with moderate business. Yesterday some private business in February was reported around Rs. 624/-. Today the market opend quiet and February was quoted at Rs. 620. There was moderate liquidation and February declined at Rs. 618/8 but rallied at Rs. 620/- May delivery opened at Rs. 616/- and after declining at Rs. 614/8 improved at Rs. 616/8.

The market finally closed at 4-30 p.m. as under.

I.C.C. Feb.	619 12 0
I.C.C. May	614 8 0
I.C.C. July	615 8 0
I.C.C. Sept.	615 8 0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

BOMBAY, Dec. 23

Indian Cotton February Contract is 820 cents below New York March at Exchange rate 331

PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 23

Castorseed prices moved up on persistent buying by some professional operators at low level today in the local produce market to-day and later prices steadied as the demand was satisfied.

Castorseeds May delivery opened at Rs. 132-1 and advanced to Rs. 132-10 on continued buying and steadied around Rs. 132-7.

Groundnuts prices continued to move up as there was persistent buying by local crusners at advancing prices as there is strong demand for vegetable ghee. Linseed prices ruled steady with moderate business.

Quotations were as under:—

GROUNDNUTS—	
Khandesh quality	36 8 0
Coromandal	35 8 0
Bold ready	35 2 0
Bold Dec-Jan	34 8 0
Bold Feb-March	34 6 0
CASTORSEEDS—	
Ready	29 0 0
May delivery	132 3 0
LINSEEDS—	
Ready	27 10 0
Feb-March	27 11 0
GROUNDNUT OILS—	
Ready Mills	20 6 0
December	20 2 0
January	19 13 0
Linseed Oil	16 12 0
Castorseed Oil first pressing	19 0 0
Castorseed Oil Commercial quality	17 8 0
Gingellyseed	225 to 230

MOVEMENT IN TATA DEFDS.

After the official close, Tata Steel Defd. shares were quoted at Rs. 1652-8 but in the evening they rallied at Rs. 1672-8.

Indian Stock Exchange

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

QUOTATIONS AT 2-0 P.M.

Tata Ordinary 313/8 Tata Deferred 1681/4 Indian Iron 24/10 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 21/8 Bombay Dyeing 1008/12 Central India 253/12 Gokak 275 Kohinoor 290 Simplex 193 Swadeshi 290 Tata Power 1522/8 Associated Cement 157/8 Belapur 242/8 Bombay Burma (Old) 325 Scindia 19/14 Central Bank 86 New India 58/8 Tata 2nd Pref. 135

NEW YORK SILVER

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.

U S Price of Foreign Silver 70 cents

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY, Dec. 22.

May Highest 619-3/4. Lowest 616 Closing 616-1/4

July Highest 620 Lowest 616-1/2 Closing 617

September Highest 619 Lowest 616 Closing 617

LONDON PEPPER PRICES

LONDON, Dec. 22 (UPA).—The London pepper market has no buyers for the time being. One second hand parcel of black lampong realized 3/7 but sellers generally were asking 3/9 while Singapore quoted white at 3/10-1/2.

Malabar on London basis for December/January was talked about 335; January/March 310, but no buyers.

LONDON EXCHANGES

LONDON, Dec. 22.

	SELLING	BUYING
New York	4.0275	4.0325
Montreal	4.0275	4.0325
Zurich	17.34	17.36
Stockholm	14.47 to 14.50	

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

There being no forward trading most of the members are awaiting developments for resumption of trading under the new association. In the meantime ready business continues on a restricted scale and quotations were as under:

Ready Silver	179 8 0
Ready Gold	112 12 0
Sovereigns	73 8 0

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

B. O. Rates I. I. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. O. Rates I. I. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Mos.

London Banks Selling I. I. D. D 1/5 31/32 Ready

London Banks Selling I. I. D. D 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Mos.

London Banks Buying I. I. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month

London Banks Buying I. I. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th-9th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th-9th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st /6 5/32 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st. 1/6 7/32 7th-9th Month.

New York & Montreal B. C Rate 1 1 Rs. 332 1/4.

Banks Selling I. I. D. D Rs. 332 1/4

Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 330.

Banks Buying D. D. N. Y Rs 328 3/4

Montreal Rs. 328 1/2.

Banks Buying D. D. N. Y Rs 329

Montreal Rs 328 3/4 L/C.

Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 7860.

Paris Banks Buying I. I. Fcs. 8060

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fl. 79

Belgium Banks Selling I. I. D. D Fcs. 1305.

Java Banks Selling T. T. D D. Gldn 79.

Hongkong Banks Selling I. I. D. D Rs. 84.

Singapore Banks Selling I. I. D. D Rs. 157.

Manila Banks Selling I. T. D. D Rs. 16p 1/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4; London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. 52.07-53 43. London/Alexandria Cross Rate Fls. 97 1/4-3/4; London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70, London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl 40; London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4; London Denmark Cross Rate Kr 19.32-36; London/Hongkong Cross Rate 1/3 1/16-1/2 15/16; London Iran Cross Rate Rl 128/130 London/Java Cross Rate Fl 10.68-70; London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es 99.80-100.20; London Manila Cross Rate Pes. 8.09-8.14, London/Montreal Cross Rate dol 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4 London/New York Cross Rate dol 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr 19.98-20.02; London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 1061—1063; London/Prague Cross Rate K. 201-202; London Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16; London Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50; London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 17.34-36; London/Syria Cross Rate 880-6.

London Discts. 3 Mos. 9/16 p.c.; London Discts. 6 Mos. 5/8 p.c.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c.; Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.

Money: Call 1/2 p.c., 3 Mos. 3/4 p.c. 6 Mos. 1 p.c., 12 Mos. 1-1/2 p.c.

Tone easy

Pepper Prices

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

Maha dely. 185 to 187

Sugar Prices

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

Small	90
Medium	95
Big	97
Extra Big	—
Jan.	31 5 0
March	30 13 0
Arrivals Bags	1,605
Despatches Bags Approx	—
Total Stock Approx Bags	—

Italian Art Silk

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

150 D. Lec.	3 15 0
150 L. Jan.	3 13 6
120 D. Ready	3 10 0
150 D. Ready	3 15 0

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

MILLS

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

Apollo 3/0/9 3/1
Bharat 34 34/8
B Dyeing 1010 11/4 3.12 8/12
C India 254 53/8 54/4
Colaba 148
E Textiles 235
Elphinstone Ord 70
Finlay 277
Gokak 276 75 77 76
I U Defd 1/10 1/9/6 1/10
I U Ord 12 12/1
Indore 182/8 78/12 82/8
Khatau 223/12
Kohinoor 291 90/8 91/8 90/8 91/12 91/8
laxmi 617/8 18
Madhusudan 200
Meyer 131/4
Model 182/8
Mysore 170
Morarji 507/8
New City 187/3
New Great 163 64 62/8 64

3 per cent 1970-75	100 0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	105 8
4 per cent 1960-70	110 12
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	104 4
4 1/2 per cent 1955-60	112 2
4 1/2 per cent 1958-68	115 12

PROVINCIAL LOANS

2 3/4 per cent U P 1961	98 2
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	98 2
3 per cent Punjab 1948	98 14
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100 12
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100 12
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100 4
3 per cent U.P. 1952	100 4
3 per cent C P 1952	100 6
3 per cent N W P 1952	99 10
3 per cent U P 1961-66	100 0
4 per cent Bombay Municipality D	111 0
5 per cent Bom Mumi 1959	114 8
6 per cent Bom Muni 1954	114 8
4 per cent Municipality 1977	100 14
6 K. P. T.	114 0

Podar 161/4
Sassoon Cotton 11/6 11/8
Simplex 190 89 93
Swadeshi 291 90/8 91/8
Tata Mills 59/8 59/12
Vishnu 227/8
C P Rly 111/8

BANKS

Central 86/4 85/12 86
Central New 83/8
Imperial Old 1775 95
Imperial New 442/8
India 188 90
Union 8 8/2 8/1
U Commercial 62

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 115/10
Amalgamated 12/4
Andhravalley 1440
Suburban 142/8 (Ex div)
Hydro 151/8 52/8
Hydro Pref 123/12 25
Power 1517/8 22/8
Power Pref 1302/8

INSURANCE

New India 58/12 59 58/8
Vulcan 11/7 11/8
Scindia 20 19/13/6 19/14

STEEL

B Steel 21/6 21/3 21/5 21/3
I Iron 24/14 24/10 24/12 24/10
Tata Defd 1687/8 90 78/12 85 81/4
Tata Ord 315/8 14 14/8 13/8 15 13/8
Tata IInd Pref 135/8

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 295
A C C Old 154/8 54 57/8
A C C New 144 44/8
Belapur 245 41/8 43 42 42/8
B B Old 326/4 24/6 26/4
B B New 120 18/12 20
B B Petrol 1/9 1/8/9 1/9
I I Trust 84/12 85
P Const. 142/8 42 45 44/8 45/8 45
Tata Chem 13/3 13/1
Tata Oil 56
Wimco 273/12 75
Dena Trust 21

SPECIAL

Belapur Coupon 60/8
Indore Coupon 88 87 88
Dena Bank 52

Shipping News

IMPORTS

BOMBAY, December 23.

S. S. STEEL ARCHITECT

From New York: 183 metal coal tar dyes, 28 cases motor bases, 88 cases fluorescent ballasts, 40 drums graphite crucibles, 48 ctns chemical laboratory glassware, 25 bundles ice-cans, 199 drums caustic soda, 150 drums mineral oil, 128 bales used military serge tunics, 708 cases textile machinery, 76 cases bolts and nuts, 100 drums lubricating oil, 269 cases steel bolts and nuts, 42 cases tin plate waste, 235 drums liquid glucose, 128 bundles cinema carbons, 86 bundles shafting, 228 cases books, 94 cases graphite electrodes, 80 cases motor truck chassis, 282 packages oil paint colours, 39 drums copper tubes, 80 bags steel shot as abrassives 180 drums petroleum mineral oil, 52 packages refrigerant, 1,120 bundles similaq infant milk food, 578 drums lubricating oil, 120 drums diesel fuel oil, 79 drums diesel mineral oil, 60 boxes steam pressure sterilizers 29 boxes agricultural tractor parts, 243 packages agricultural machinery.

From New Orleans: 235 drums diesel fuel oil 96 drums liquid glucose, 155 boxes fire-bricks, 650 bags carbon black, 537 coils galvanized wire shorts, 50 boxes internal combustion engines diesel, 4,300 rolls asphalt proofing, 249 cases pablo leak-stops, 880 bags synthetic soda ash 77 crates carwvers 41 drums pine oil, 3,882 drums lubricating oil, 295 packages deep well pumping sets, 86 drums lubricating grease.

From Alexandria: 315 bales cotton

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT: S. S. PARA

To Antwerp: 402 bales cotton waste—Rallis India Ltd. 100 bags copper thread—Dadarwalla & Co. 125 bales cotton yellow—L. Ramji & Co.

To Rotterdam: 17 bales cotton waste—E. T. Robbertson & Sons.

To Port Said: 15 cases rubber balloons—N. N. Guha. 25 drums castor oil—The Saroj Oil Mills Co. Ltd. 28 bundles sandal-wood chips—R. Shantilal & Co

To Genoa: 10 cases dried cow guts —Ai Meyar.

Arrivals And Departures Of Steamers

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

ARRIVALS

THOMAS SIN LEE arrived from Houslon with 8,680 tons general cargo on December 22 (Agent M. M. and Co.)

SOROL arrived from Salveston with 2,000 sulphar cargo on December 23. (Agents S. Meckintosh and Co.)

ALAVI arrived from Jeddah in ballast on December 23. (Agents Turner Morrison).

DEPARTURE

BADARPUR sailed for Abadan with water ballast on December 22.

NICOLAOV GEORGEOS sailed for Gulf Parts in ballast on December 23.

KALEWA sailed for Calcutta with 4,000 tons general cargo on December 23.

S. S. SAN GEORGIA

To Karachi: 5 bundles bidies—H. Ismail. 32 bales cotton piecegoods—M. Chandulal & Co. 53 bales cotton piecegoods—Parvati Universal Trading Co. 15 bags gum—G. M. Oomar. 20 bales cotton yarn—G. S. Kataria.

S.S. CALEDONIA

To Liverpool: 75 bales cotton waste—Champaklal & Co.

S.S. ITRIA

To London: 99 bags gum karaya—N. Mulji & Co.

S.S. KHOSROU

To Aden: 10 cases aluminium ware —Royal Textile.

S.S. BARJORA

To Bunder Shahapur: 5,000 bags barytes ore—The Hindustan Mineral Prod. Co. Ltd.

To Kuwat: 5,000 bags barytes ore—The Hindustan Mineral Prod. Co Ltd.

S.S. JALABALA

To Karachi: 20 cases glass ware—L. Passo & Co. 10 bundles bidies—A. S. Oomar. 43 bundles bidies A. K. A. Shakoor 40 cases wire cleaning crusties—D. Master & Co. Ltd.

BY AIR

To Karachi: 40 parcels art silk peicegoods— Miscellaneous shippers 12 parcels woollen peicegoods Miscellaneous shippers.

S.S. DWARKA

To Karachi: 17 cases glass ware—R. M. Ramanand & Co.

Substitute For Timber Flooring

LONDON, (By Cable.)

Two blocks of working class flats under construction in the Camberwell district of London include a novel feature—a new type of flooring composition which the Ministry of Works has accepted as a suitable substitute for timber floors. The amplicity and speed of the processes involved have greatly impressed visitors who went to see the flooring laid and finished.

The composition, which includes liquid rubber, concrete, and grit, provides a covering which is not cold to walk on. In its finished state it looks like linoleum. Its cost is from 13sh. (Rs. 8-10-0) to 16sh. (Rs. 10-10-0) per square yard laid.

Ahmedabad Share Bazar Closes Weak

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 23.

Market closed with a weak undertone. Market is closed from today till 31st of Dec. it being the Christmas holiday. Fluctuations: Calico Opened 1218, Highest 1220, Lowest 1214, Arvind Opened 1472, Lowest 1465, Ambica Opened 395, Highest 397, Lowest 392, Differed Opened 1683. Lowest 1675.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS: Calico 1217, Arvind 1469, Differed 1677, Ambica 392, Atul 45.

Dhollera And Oomra Deshi Cotton Defined

The office of the Textile Commissioner has issued the following Press Note:—

The General Permission issued by the Textile Commissioner on the 1st September under the Indian Cotton (Control) Order, 1945, contains definitions of the various varieties of cotton: As it war found that the definitions given there for Dholleras, Kalagin and Oomra Deshi are over-lapping, the Textile Commissioner has now issued an amendment to the General Permission suitably modifying the definition of the above varietes of Cotton.

Hessian Market

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

	Pics.
45X11.	
Ready	113
Oct.-Dec.	113-1/4
Jan.-March	114
D. W. 40X23.	
Ready	130 8 0
Oct.-Dec.	129 0 0
Jan.-March	122 0 0

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

The following is the Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 17th December:—

LIABILITIES	Rs.
CAPITAL:	5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund	6,25,00,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts	278,63,90,000
Sundries	2,75,60 000
Rupees	293,27,00,000

ASSETS	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—	
Government Securities	150,80,84,000
Other Authorities Investments	11,16,90,000
ADVANCES:—	
Loans	24,52,99,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	55,00,80,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	6,23,19,000
Dead Stock	1,53,82,000
Sundries	2,18,12,000
CASH:—	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	34,43,99,000
Balances with other Banks	7,36,35,000
Rupees	293,27,00,000

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Indian Ambassador To France Warns Netherlands

NEW YORK, DEC. 23 (REUTER): A WARNING TO THE NETHERLANDS THAT HER ACTION IN INDONESIA WOULD UNITE THE MANHOOD OF ALL ASIA AGAINST HER AS WELL AS THE PEOPLE OF MANY OTHER LANDS, WAS GIVEN HERE BY DR. P. P. PILLAI BEFORE HE LEFT BY BOAT LAST NIGHT FOR PARIS TO TAKE UP HIS APPOINTMENT AS INDIAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE.

"IF THE SECURITY COUNCIL FAILS TO SAVE THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA, THE CONFLAGRATION THAT WILL START IN JAVA WILL BE THE END NOT ONLY OF THE DUTCH EMPIRE BUT OF ALL THE OTHER EMPIRES IN THE EAST" DR. PILLAI SAID IN AN INTERVIEW

"The Indonesian Republic may be vanquished for a time, but there is not the slightest doubt that, after having passed through this ordeal of fire, she will emerge as a stable political unit. The only permanent loss will be that of the Dutch empire, and of the Security Council's prestige."

SOEMITRO ON U. S. CUT ON E. C. A. AID

WASHINGTON, December 22. (U.P.A.): Dr. D Soemitro, acting head of the Indonesian delegation in the United States, told a press Conference to-day that the refusal of the United States to grant E.C.A. peaceful and friendly and remains quietly at work."

Funds to the Netherlands East Indies was a "significant indication" of the attitude of the American Government.

DUTCH ACTIONS TO "REVERSE TREND OF HISTORY"

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (UPA): Carlos Romulo, charging that the Dutch actions in Indonesia were seeking to "reverse the trend of history in Asia and the ar East," to-day urged the Security Council to order an immediate cease fire and demand the Netherlands Government reply thereon within 24 hours.

Dutch Following In Hitler's Footsteps

(Continued from Page 1)

would discuss the constitution of an interim Government.

S. E. ASIA AFFECTED

It was a question which directly affected South-east Asia.

"It affects my country. It causes strikes, strife and turmoil. It causes the loss of material necessary for world rehabilitation, it caused the loss of commerce, it causes the growth of extremist ideas."

"Repercussions may well cause a big breach in international peace. Therefore, we are bound to take action."

In proposing the amendment, Col. Hodgson said: "We believe that reprisals or punitive action against individuals is one sure way of causing continuation of trouble, of increasing resistance and of causing reprisals in return."

He referred to a telegram he had received from his Government saying that military observers of the Good Offices Committee in Dutch-controlled territory must proceed to Batavia.

"It is obviously part of a strict censorship and the means of preventing the facts of the situation being reported to Governments or to the Security Council."

"Clearly, the Good Offices Committee can be of little use if they are to be confined to Batavia where the only information available is by official communiques."

SYRIA'S SUPPORT

Faris Bey El Khoury, the Syrian delegate, opened the afternoon debate by supporting the United States resolution.

The Russian and Indian delegates were also due to speak; the British and Canadian delegates were awaiting instructions from their Governments.

Faris Bey said his delegation sponsored the amendment submitted by the Australian delegate.

He described the arrest of the head of a Government (Dr. Soekarno) by a foreign invader as "certainly outrageous."

"This cannot be considered as a police action," he said. "It is just a fight between two States. In this case we consider that the Security Council is obliged to take steps immediately to stop this bloodshed without making long speeches."

INDIA'S PROTEST

Mr. B. Desai (India) pointed out that after the failure of direct negotiations the Dutch Government could have used the services of the Good Offices Committee. "If ever there was a flagrant breach of the truce agreement, the Dutch paratroop action was certainly one," he said.

He said the Dutch attack was entirely unprovoked and uncalled for. Its military operations must have been planned for a long time. There had been no military preparation by the Indonesian government.

Mr. Desai said the Indian government sent a plane to fetch Dr. Soekarno for his visit to India—he had a long-standing invitation from Prime Minister Pandit Nehru—but nevertheless both the plane and visas were held up for 48 hours.

It could not be said, as had been suggested, that Indonesia could have free elections when leading members of the Republican government were in prison.

"If the Netherlands government hopes that by speedy military action the Republican government may be suppressed, then they are sadly mistaken" he said.

"The Republican government represents the will of the Indonesian people for freedom. The people of Indonesia love life, they love peace, but more than that they love their freedom and love their honour.

"They will willingly see their homes destroyed, their beautiful fields turned into battlegrounds rather than surrender their honour. Theirs is a spirit which will not be crushed. Let there be no misapprehension on one point, the ultimate solution of this problem can never be found in military action."

He said that there was at present a "tremendous upsurge" in the continent of Asia.

SPEEDY SOLUTION NEEDED

"Every day events of great consequence are taking place. If this question is not speedily resolved it will have very wide repercussion."

Mr. Desai said: "No power in Asia can look with equanimity or indifference on the happenings in Indonesia. Consequently my government is greatly concerned at the latest developments. My government has always been and is willing to help in every effort to solve this problem.

CALL FOR CEASE-FIRE

"The Council must act immediately and decisively. The Council should order an immediate cease-fire."

Such an order by itself would not meet this situation, Mr. Desai added.

Dutch troops must be withdrawn to their positions before the present hostilities began. Indonesian leaders and others who had been taken prisoners must be freed, for if the hostilities were illegitimate the taking of prisoners was all the more so.

He associated India with the views expressed by the United States, China and Syria on the Security Council's Competence.

M. Jakob Malik, Russian delegate, said the question had been on the Security Council's agenda for nearly three years and was still undecided.

"The Council is once more convened to consider an unprovoked aggression on Indonesia."

M. Malik, tracing the history of the Indonsian Republic, added: "The Security Council has never taken sufficiently strong measures to protect Indonesia from military aggression."

Holland had been preparing for this aggression from the time the Renville Truce was signed in January last, M. Malik said.

The Security Council had merely passed abstract resolutions binding nobody and allowing the Dutch to go on with their preparations for war.

Holland had deliberately prolonged negotiations, M. Malik said.

M. Malik described the arrest of Indonesian leaders as "a gross breach of diplomatic immunity."

Since May the Good Offices Committee had taken no active part in negotiations between Holland and Indonesia, he said and he attacked the committee for in effect undermining the Republic's strength and serving as a shield for Dutch aggressive preparations.

ACT OF AGGRESSION

The Soviet delegation would not support the draft resolution, M. Malik said and added: "The acts of the Dutch government can only be characterised as acts of aggression."

The Indonesian Republic has done everything to observe faithfully and honourably the terms of the truce agreement and to avoid giving the Dutch the slightest pretext for aggression.

"It was clear that Holland had never desired agreement with the Indonesians.

"The final Dutch demands would have meant a complete liquidation of the Indonesian Republic.

"The Dutch case as presented to the Security Council was a direct challenge to the authority of the Council.

ASIA ON THE MOVE

The Indonesian people, together with the people of Asia—more than half the population of the world—were on the move towards freedom, M. Malik declared.

Holland had broken international law, affronted the prestige and authority of the United Nations. The Security Council must take qpick and effective action. It must no longer stand by as a disinterested spectator.

It must order the withdrawal of troops and set up a Commission representing all members of the Council he stated.

This Commission must supervise the cease-fire order, the troop's withdrawal and finally the solution of the whole problem.

M. Malik attacked Dr. Van Royen's presentation of the Dutch case as "pitiful and full of falsifications."

"Mr. Van Royens references to a 'Communist danger were taken from the arsenal of German fascism and Japanese imperialism which had used the same expressions to explain their policy of aggression. Such anti-communist propaganda would deceive only naive people", M. Malik said.

He rejected Holland's contention that the Council was incompetent to deal with the matter, adding: "The Security Council must call a spade a spade and aggression by its name of aggression."

"The United States draft resolution was defective in that it did not lay the blame squarely on the Dutch shoulders. Yet the Council has plenty of documents proving that Holland had committed a breach of the peace by her act of unprovoked aggression.

"For this reason the Soviet delegation cannot support the American draft resolution", M. Malik stated.

"The Draft resolution suggests that both parties invaded each others territory," M. Malik stated.

"This is of course false. There is no doubt as to the aggressor.

"The American resolution creates for the Dutch a possibility for saying that it is not clear who is the aggressor."

Asked for his reaction to M. Malik's speech, the Dutch delegate, M. Van Royen, said he could not understand what line of action the Russian delegation proposed to take, since while condemning the Dutch case they had pronounced against the American draft resolution.

Mr. Van Royen said he could not imagine whether M. Malik would propose some other resolution or merely abstain from voting.

SOVIET TO SUBMIT OWN PROPOSALS

The Soviet delegation intends to submit its own proposals tomorrow for dealing with the Indonesian conflict, it was learned tonight from a source close to the delegation.

The lines of the proposals were not disclosed.

The Security Council adjourned until tomorrow morning.

V.V. GIRI'S PLEA FOR CO-OPERATION

Deplores Rising Wave Of Strikes

MADRAS, Dec. 23 (API): Broadcasting from All India Radio, Madras, on welfare of industry, Mr. V. V. Giri, High Commissioner for India in Ceylon pleaded for greater and healthier co-operation between the Government, employers and worker's organisations.

Mr. Giri said "the State should manage all large-scale industries whereas small and medium scale ones will be owned by other corporate bodes. In order to protect the needs of the working class, the future Socialist State should establish tripartite industrial councils in every industry as the minimum requisite. It is regrettable that when the need is for greater production strikes should be on the increase. Strikes should be resorted to only when all other methods of settlement have failed."

The Government Mr. Giri added should encourage internal settlement in the first instance, of at least smaller trade disputes, as an internal settlement is more preferable to an external settlement.

DEVELOPMENT OF CUTCH PORTS

(From Our Correspondent)

BHUJ, Dec. 22:

The Secretary of the Cutch Famine Relief Committee stated to your correspondent in an interview that Rupees six lakhs have been granted to develop the small bunders of Mandvi, Mundra, Jakhau and Lakhpat. Besides clearing the sand in Mandvi, a main road from Rukmavati Bridge to Bunder will be laid and also a wall will be connected with Mandvi breakwater and the existing seawall. A canal will be dug to bring ships to the shore. All this will cost about Rs. 2,25,000. About Mundra he said a Jetti in Bocha Creek will be built.

All this will cost Rs. 1,23,000. The work has begun.

Normal Tram Service In Calcutta Maintained

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23 (UPI): Despite the obstacles put by miscreants on the tracks in various places of the city, normal tram services have been maintained from this morning. Armed police escort is put on every tham car besides heavy police patrol on tramway routes.

One cracker was thrown at a tram car in Wellington Street this morning but nobody was injured. Two arrests were made in this connection.

In North Calcutta two crackers were thrown at tram cars in two different places. There had been no injury to any passenger or damage to the car. One arrest, however, was made. In South-East Calcutta, another cracker was thrown without any casualty.

Corporation's Tribute To R. K. Shirodkar And K. M. Rathod

BOMBAY, Thursday:

The Bombay Municipal Corporation adjourned today as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Dr. R. K. Shirodkar, a former member of the Corporation, and the late Mr. Khimji M. Rathod, a sitting member whose death occurred on Wednesday night last.

Moving the condolence resolution for Dr. Shirodkar Mr. S. K. Patil said that the former was a public-spirited citizen, who had rendered valuable services to the city, particularly in the sphere of primary education. He was a brilliant scholar and an educationist of a high calibre. As a corporator he had devoted a lot of his time to the promotion of primary education, and had served as a member, and for some time as a Chairman of the Municipal Schools Committee.

The Mayor Dr. M. U. Mascarenhas, Mr. S. S. Kavabkar, Dr. J. A. Colaco, Mr. M. Harris, and Mr Naushir Bharucha also joined in the tributes.

The resolution on the death of the late Mr. Rathod was moved by Mr. H. K. Patel who said that in the death of Mr. Rathod the Scheduled Castes had lost one of their sincerest workers. Mr. S. K. Patil, Mr. R. D. Bhandare, Mr. Harris and Mr. N. Bharucha also spoke on the resolution.

Both the resolutions were carried, all the members standing.

DRAFT OF ADDRESS TO RAJAJI

Earlier the Corporation approved the draft of the address to be presented to Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Governor General of India, during his visit to Bombay next month. The Corporation further called upon the Municipal Commissioner to make necessary preparations for the presentation of the address in consultation with the Mayor.

The Corporation will now meet in the first week of January.

INHERITED BY PARTITION

Pakistan Finance Minister On Inflation

KARACHI, Dec. 23 (A.P.I.): Pakistan's Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs, Mr. Ghulam Mohammad, maintained while replying to a question in the Dominion Parliament today that certain inflationary conditions were inherited by Pakistan at the time of partition and those conditions "more or less continue to prevail."

The Minister for Education and Industries, Mr. Fazlur Rehman said the Government would sympathetically consider the desirability of establishing a Federal University in Karachi as separate from the Sind University.

Mr. Fazlur Rehman stated that invitations had been extended to Egypt and Turkey to send trade missions to Pakistan.

The Minister for Commerce and Works stated that the Government proposed to improve trade relations with Japan insofar as they were to the mutual advantage of both the countries.

COTTON EXPORT

Mr. Fazlur Rehman stated that the total quantity of cotton exported by sea from Pakistan during the period from August 15, 1947 to July 31, 1948 to different countries was:—

India 316,759 bales, Soviet Union 138,863 bales, Japan 53,245 bales, United Kingdom 90,116 bales, Other Countries 614,518 bales. Total 1,213,501 bales.

The Minister said that the total Export Duty realised during the same period was Rs. 4,89 lakhs.

Mr. Ghulam Mohammad stated that the total quantity of jute exported from Chittagong port between August 15, 1947, and July 31, 1948 was 8,49,800 bales.

The total amount of export duty collected at Chittagong port was Rs. 143 lakhs while a total amount of Rs. 540 lakhs was realised by way of land tax.

Mr. Fazlur Rehman informed the house that a total of 457 joint stock companies were registered in the Provinces of Pakistan and Bhawalpur State during the period from August 15, 1947, to July 31, 1948.

Kashmir Commission Leaving For Karachi

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (API): The UNO Kashmir Commission concluded its current series of discussions with the Government of India and are leaving for Karachi tomorrow morning.

The Commission met the Secretary-General of the Indian Foreign Office Sir Girja Shanger Bajpai, in the morning and dined with the Prime Minister.

Gandhinagar, Deserted City Today

GANDHINAGAR, Dec. 23, (U. P. I.): Gandhinagar, the beautiful city of Camps which was the venue of the 55th session of the Indian National Congress, looks like a deserted city today. Visitors numbering nearly one lakh who had assembled here during the Congress week have left by this morning.

Mulla Of Shor Bazar

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (API)—The Mullah of Shor Bazar (Nur-ul-Mushaikh) a tribal religious head will arrive at Delhi, on December 26, on his way to Sarhind in Patiala State, it is learnt here today.

Surgeons' Conference

PATNA, Dec. 23, (A. P. I.): The tenth annual conference of the Association of Surgeons of India will be held here from December 30, to January 1.

Dr. S. R. Joglekar, the well-known Bombay surgeon will preside.

Indian History Congress

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23, (A. P. I.): The eleventh session of the Indian History Congress will be held here from December 25 to 28 under the presidentship of Mahamahopadhyaya Prof. D. V. Potdar. The Congress will be inaugurated by Sir Srinivasan Varadachariar ex-Chief Justice of the Federal Court in the absence of Dr. Rajendra Prasad who will not be able to attend.

RENEWED FIGHTING FLARES UP IN NEGEV

TEL AVIV, December 23 (Reuter): Renewed fighting flared up today in the South Palestine Negev desert, where a shaky truce between Egyptians and Jews has been in force since mid-November.

The Israeli Government today gave notice of withdrawal of the United Nations November 16 Armistice resolution—in view of Egypt's similar action yesterday.

General William Riley, United Nations Chief of Staff in Palestine, had informed the Jews that Egypt was now demanding that all troops be withdrawn from the Negev before armistice negotiations were started.

The Israeli report said the Jewish Government felt bound to "reserve its freedom of action to defend its territory since Egypt had "changed its mind and was not now willing to take practical steps in the direction of peace.

Partial breakdown of telephone lines in Jerusalem held up final arrangements for a Christian pilgrimage to Arab—held Bethelem.

Stop Press

GEORGE GIBSON RESIGNS.

LONDON, Dec. 24, (Reuter): Mr. George Gibson has resigned from his directorship of the Bank of England, it was announced today.

LAND NATIONLISATION IN BURMA

Two Lakh Indian Labour Faces Unemployment

MADRAS, Dec. 23 (A.P.I.): Nearly 2,00,000 Indian labourers in Burma, it is feared, will be thrown out of employment consequent on the Land Nationalisation schemes proposed by the Government of Burma, according to an unofficial report received here.

Enquiries made at the Madras Secretariat show that these labourers, most of them belonging to the Madras Province, are employed in such avocations as agriculture and plantations and will have to be repatriated from Burma in case they are thrown out of employment.

It is understood the Madras Government are shortly taking up the matter with the Government of India. The question will also be discussed by the Indian delegation which is to proceed to Burma early next month headed by the Congress President, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, to discuss the compensation and connected matters in regard to the nationalisation of land proposed by the Burma Government.

Justice K. C. Sen Bereaved

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mrs. Leela Sen, wife of Mr. Justice K. C. Sen, President of the Industrial Court, Bombay, died this evening of heart failure at her residence. The funeral will start from Mafatlal Park, Warden Road, at 8 a.m. on Friday.

The late Mrs. Leela Sen was a keen social worker and was connected with several women's organisations in the city. She was forty-six. A large number of friends including high court judges, advocates and members of the Bombay Bar visited the residence of Mr. Justice K. C. Sen tonight to offer him condolence in his sad bereavement.

Ahmedabad Millowners' Protest

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 23.

It is reliably learnt that great discontent prevails among millowners due to the Govt. of India circular fixing cloth rates. It is learnt that due to the new rates, mills producing coarse cloth will be in loss while, the profits of fine and superfine producing mills will be curtailed.

Recently, a meeting of the millowners association was held in which the new situation was discussed.

It is learnt that they have sent a letter to the Government of India requesting them to reconsider their decision.

V. P. Menon Arrives

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) Dec. 23 (UPI) Mr. V. P. Menon, Constitutional Adviser to the State Ministry Government of India, arrived here by plane at 4-45 p.m. He was received at the Hakimpet airport by Captain Vijaya Singh, A.D.C. to the Military-Governor, and drove straight to the Government House.

"What for Standstill Agreement," he snapped, when asked if the Standstill Agreement, which expired on the 29th November, had been extended as requested by the Nizam.

Loans To Godhra Destitutes

GODHRA, Dec. 22, (A. P. I.): Over nine lakhs of rupees has already been given by way of loans to the destitutes in the town of Godhra who were rendered homeless following the riots in March last.

NEEDS OF BACKWARD CLASSES

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backward and recruiting higher services from among such castes under this article, might create inefficiency and even chaos in the administration. But the new entrants into service from the Backward Classes will be, it was mentioned, selected for their competence. It was also said in some private circles that this concession in favour of backward classes created a furore in the Brahmin circles of Madras. It is heard that the present non-Brahmin Government of Madras has been giving preference to Backward Class People in services and to backward class students in educational institutions, thus infringing on the vested rights of Brahmins or on free competition by merit alone. However, the article has been adopted and now forms part of the constitution.

BACKWARD CLASS COMMISSION

Article 301 of the Draft Constitution, which, I am afraid, will take two or three months, if not a longer period to reach, will, when passed, provide a great charter for all backward classes. A Commission is promised to be appointed by the new President to go out in the whole of the country including the Indian States and find out which castes of Hindus Muslims etc., are really backward according to certain standards, educational, social, economic, etc. The Commission will then recommend ways and means to raise them and to bring them up to the level of other classes, within certain period and the Parliament of the day shall vote funds required for the purpose. This process will take not less than 5 years from now and all backward people who will now vote for the first time in 1950 will have to wait for a few years more, before the State will devise and carry out measure as to uplift them and to put them on the road to equality with more advanced sections.

The writer earnestly hopes that this process of pushing upwards the weakest section of our Society will not be unduly delayed by our leaders, due to any political stress or to any domestic trouble. Inequalities exist everywhere in the world, but more so in a caste-ridden country like ours. It is, therefore, more necessary in India that the welfare of the backsection of the population, should be a special charge on the Central administration, and not be left to small units of administration unable to find funds for heavy tasks.

CONTINUE PROTECTION TO SUGAR INDUSTRY

Merchants' Plea At Tariff Board Enquiry

BOMAY, Dec. 23 (API): The two-day Tariff Board Conference on the question of continuance of protection to sugar industry concluded here today.

Mr. G. L. Mehta, President of the Tariff Board, remarked that in view of the recommendations of the interim Tariff Board for the withdrawal of protection to industries like steel, cotton textiles and paper, it was not understandable why protective duty on sugar should be continued, particularly in view of the ban on imports of sugar. Continued protection, he declared, would not "induce the industry to set its house in order."

Mr. N. T. Mone, speaking on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India, said the Government's present view was that imports of sugar need not be permitted for the next two or three years, but the question had to be reviewed in the context of production, consumption and price of sugar in the country.

PLEA FOR PROTECTION

Sir Shankarlal and Mr. Lalchand Hirachand representing the viewpoint of the sugar industry maintained that inspite of ban on imports, the industry should continue to receive protection as the withdrawal of protection would have adverse psychological effect besides encouraging imports.

Representatives of the sugar Merchant's Association criticised the policy of price fixation and distribution followed by the Indian Sugar Syndicate and demanded the reorganisation of the Syndicate as a precondition for the continuance of protection to the industry.

Mr. S. K. Chatterji representing the Government of West Bengal suggested a summary investigation by the Tariff Board into the costs of production with a view to arriving at a basis for the progressive reduction in the quantum of protection over a period of five years.

Representatives of the Governments of U.P. and Bihar generally agreed with the demand of the industry for continuance of protection for another five years, in addition to the ban on imports.

The Government of Bombay representative favoured the continuance of protection for another five years on the condition that ban on imports was maintained.

CONSUMER'S VIEWPOINT

The consumer's viewpoint which found "full and frank" expression was that the Indian sugar industry had reached a stage where the rated capacity of the existing factories should be sufficient to meet the requirements of the country at least for the next five years. The industry did not heed protection, particularly in view of the ban on imports and absence of competition.

The conference also discussed questions relating to the development of subsidiary industries like power alcohol and ancillary industries like manufacture of sugar machinery. The importance of research was also recognised.

CITY ADVOCATE ARRESTED

Alleged To Be Connected With R. S. S.

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Narayan Hari Helekar, a City advocate, described as an ex-leader of the R. S. S. movement in Bombay, was arrested by the C.I.D. last night at his residence in Girgaum. A large quantity of printed literature pertaining to the R.S.S. organisation, was seized from the place.

CART LOAD OF PAMPHLETS SEIZED

Police, in another raid in a chawl at Parel, seized a "cartload" of R.S.S. leaflets, posters and pamphlets. Certain rooms in the chawl are stated to have been used formerly as an office of the Sangh.

The total number of arrests till today is 1,251, which includes two volunteers taken into custody this morning.

BARODA CONTROL OVER DRILL AND UNIFORMS

BARODA, Dec. 23, (UPI): In order to control the exercise, movement, evoluton or drill of a military nature likely to endanger public safety, maintenance of public order or tranquility, the Baroda Government have promulgated the Drill and Uniforms (Control) Ordinance, 1948, providing for the control of (1) any exercise, movement or drill of a military nature, (2) any camp, parade meeting, assembly or procession by any class of persons or organisations and (3) the wearing in public of any uniforms resembling the uniform worn by the Military or Police.

Persons contravening this ordinance will be punishable with imprisonment extending to three years or fine or both.

Latest Commercial

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.

Previous Closing	32.10
Today's Opening	32.13
Difference	+3
Today's Closing	32.20
Difference	+10

LAST QUOTATIONS.

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

	Rs.	As.
Silver Bullion Ready	178	8
Gold Ready	112	6
Sovereign	73	8

EXPECTATION:

Cotton Jarila Feb.	620	0

NEW YORK STOCKS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:—

Anaconda Copper Mining dol. 32-7/8

General Motors unquoted.

United States Steel Common unquoted.

United States Steel Preference dol 135-1/4.—(Reuter).

Madras Share Market

MADRAS, Dec. 23 (API):

Following are today's quotations in the stock exchange:—

SECURITIES: Government of India loans three per cent 1986 99/2 Three per cent 1966/68 99/15. Government of Travancore Three per cent 1952/54 102/8 Government of Madras Three per cent 1956 100/14 Three per cent 1960 101.

BANKS: Travancore 19.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 16 Mysores 47/12.

PLANTINGS: Chandramalais 1/6 Chembras 4/8 Ouchterlony 5/7 Pulangodes 7/3 Thirumbadi 2/7/6 TR and T Co 6/12/6 Vaikundam 7/4 Waterfalls 2/5/6 (XD).

TEXTILES: Ba-subramania 40 Bangalore Woollen 240 Buckingham 166 Cambodias 9/4 Coimbatore CM 101 Coimbatore Pioneer 105/8 Coimbatore Spg. 44/4 (XD) Janardhanas 46/8 Laksmi 65/8 Maduras 43/4 Metturs 315. Mysore Spn. (XD) 7 Radhakrishnas 133/8 Rajalakshmis 54 Ranga Vilas 44 Trav Rayons 4/14 Trichinopolis 11/8 Vasanthas 100.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 64 FACTS 5/4 India Cement 15 Metturchem CD 8/9 Mysore Chem and Ferts 8/12 Mysore Paper 11/12 Spencer 11/6.

Calicut Market

(From Our Correspondent)

CALICUT, Dec. 23.

Coiryarn Beypore 135/145, Quilandy 145/155, Fibre Garbled 100, Ungarbled 95, Cocoanuts Raw 135/137, Dry 135. Cocoanut Oil 600. Copra Office 407/8, Dilpasand 412/8, Madrasnottam 425. Pepper Wynaad 1300, Country 1250. Dry Ginger Chernad 475, Ernad 425. Coffee Robusta 142/8, Timber Fail 75/80, Junglewood 30/40, Vellapine 68/75, Benteak 40/50, Teak 75/120 Mango 3/4, Teak 10/15, Rosewood 12/8/20.

Hapur Market Rates

(From Our Correspondent.)

HAPUR, Dec. 23.

Wheat 27 24, Gram 14/4, Barley 15/12, Bejhar 14 Maize 16, Bajra 16/6, Jwar 15, Guwar 13, Matar 13, Arhar 13/12, Urad 18/8, Urad Maha 18/3, Moong 20/12, Masoor 15/4 to 16/8, Gur New 12/4 11/14, Shakkar 13, Crystal 36/12, Khandsari 24 20, Fasan Future 10/4/3, Opened 10/4, Touched 10/5/4-1/2, Sarson 24/8, Tagaseed 21/8, 19/8, Oil 66, Oilcake 7/14, Cottonseed 13/8 14/4, Oats 10/8, Bardana Ready Red 114, White 129, Chet 123/8, Jany. 129/8.

Silver Forward 163/6, Gold 110/12 Quiet.

Saurashtra Market Quotations

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, Dec. 23.

Rajkot Silver Maha 172-10-0, Rajkot Sugar Maha 87-8-0, Rajkot Aranda January 132-4-0, Jamnagar Silver Posh 174, Jamnagar Aranda January 132-9-0.

Cutch Hundis

(From Our Correspondent.)

BHUJ, Dec. 23.

Hundi Buying	311
Hundi Selling	312
Gold	Rs. 107-0
Silver	Rs. 175-0

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GANGARAM RAJLINGAM was convicted for transporting cotton yarn and sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 500/- or in default to undergo two months' rigorous imprisonment.

SHRIRAM RAMDATTAJI was convicted for transporting cotton cloth without a permit and sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 300 or in default to undergo further 2 months' rigorous imprisonment.

SABANNA SARBANPA was convicted for possessing foodgrains in excess of the possession limit and sentenced to one month's rigorous imprisonment.

R. ALLABUX and H. ALLABUX, were convicted for unlawfully possessing ration cards and each sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and each to pay a fine of Rs. 100/- or in default to undergo further one month's rigorous imprisonment.

N. A. RAHIMAN was convicted for unauthorised possession of ration card and sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 150/- or in default to undergo 2 months' rigorous imprisonment.

E. N. S. MOHD was convicted for unlawfully using milk in tea and sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 200/- or further 2 months' rigorous imprisonment in default.

The Bombay Chronicle

That Love is weak where Fear's as strong as he;
'Tis not all spirit pure and brave,
If mixture it of Fear, Shame and Honour have.
—JOHN DONNE

CLEAR THINKING AND ENERGETIC ACTION

Dr. John Matthai, the Finance Minister, addressing the annual meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce recently held at Calcutta, emphasized the need for clear thinking and energetic action with regard to our current economic ills. He defined the scope of the proposed nationalisation by reference to the considerations of public welfare and security. He reminded the business community that Government has now made it possible for the Income Tax defaulters to come to a fair settlement with the tax administration, and hoped that, in view of these assurances and friendly actions, hoarded wealth will now be brought out for productive use in industry. Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukerjea, the Minister for Industries, speaking the next day at a similar gathering was more emphatic, in his declaration as well as his appeal. Both the ministerial speeches and the Jaipur Congress resolution only reiterate the contents of Government resolution on Industrial Policy, and if these were to succeed, as we wish them to succeed, in energising the business community into co-operative action a very great impediment in the way of our economic rehabilitation would have been removed.

It is impossible to find any really justifiable reason for the continued propaganda on the side of the business community which is far from being created by a loss of confidence, and is actually helping to create that feeling. Even recognising the many shortcomings of Governmental policy one would have expected a more responsible and constructive approach on the part of the business community, which, taken as a whole, has benefited both by the mistakes and the boons of State policy. The representatives of British industry in India have, on the whole, shown a keener perception of contemporary forces and a more welcome readiness to adopt themselves to changing conditions than their Indian counterparts. The Government could not have made their position with regard to national industry any clearer than the recent statements describe. Industry in common with other sections of the community must constructively help Government in finding a solution to the common problem of our economic stabilization and development. It is no more adequate for capital to say, "leave Labour to our mercy," than for labour to cry for reduction of profits and provision of administratively enforced wages. The essential problem of increasing production must ultimately be solved on the basis of increasing efficiency of production itself, to which both Capital and Labour have a significant contribution to make. No shortsighted impatience or recalcitrance on the part of either of the two will redound to their own or the country's advantage.

We feel at the same time that Government on its own part cannot afford to be complacent about the really critical situation that has arisen in the nation's economy. Nor can it trust to repeated exhortations as instruments of establishing confidence in itself. From a Finance Miniter of the calibre of Dr. Matthai one is entitled to expect a more cogent proof of the soundness of governmental policy than that contained in the complacent comparison between India and worse-affected countries, and in the relatively static index number of prices over the last few weeks. If India claims a position among leading nations of the world let its administrators confine their comparisons to that class of nations. Can it be said that we are facing our problem of continued inflation in the same determined spirit in which U.K., Australia, Sweden or Canada, not to mention U.S.A., are facing it. In all situations of major crisis where the sacrifice and determination to live through of the whole people are our only hope of survival. It never pays to lull people into facile confidence. Our urgent commitments for security and refugee rehabilitation are so high that we cannot afford to go forward with our schemes of social amelioration with anything like the same speed with which the enthusiastic reformers in and out of office would want us to do. Unless this is realised and fully made effective by a reduction of administrative expenditure in these departments there is no prospect of the inflation being fought back. If we must have comparisons, let our rulers look to China. To the present day the official exhortation of the Chinese Government is exactly the same as contained in the resolution on economic policy passed at the Jaipur Congress. "Produce more, consume less, and lend the savings." This is an appeal made all the world over. Differences of achievement in living up to it measure the differences in economic stability and progress. Government must set a good example in this respect and carry out urgently and courageously all the measures of an anti-inflationary policy that it has announced. We feel that it would be wrong analysis of the situation to read into recent price figures any inherent tendency towards stability, and on that supposition to slacken the pace or alter the content of State policy arrived at after a scrutiny of all long term and deep-seated factors. That would hardly conform to the doctrine of "clear thinking and energetic action" enunciated by the Finance Minister himself.

Holland's Flimsy Defence

The elaborate case made out by the Netherlands spokesman at the U.N. Security Council is a feeble justification of Dutch aggression. There were three points made by Jan Herman van Royen. The first was that the dispute was a domestic one beyond the jurisdiction of the Security Council. Mr. van Royen maintained that the Netherlands had taken this stand from the very outset, whilst expressing willingness to submit the question of jurisdiction to the International Court. It is true that the Dutch did raise an objection on the ground of jurisdiction at the first meeting but it is also true that subsequently the Netherlands accepted the interest of the Security Council in the Indonesian dispute both by complaining with its "cease-fire" order in July 1947 and by agreeing in the Renville Truce to inform the U.N. Good Offices Committee of any intention to renounce the Truce. What is more, the Dutch did, though inadequately intimate such renunciation of the Agreement. The second point was that the Indonesian Republic had repeatedly violated the Renville Agreement and had in fact no intention of sincerely observing its terms. The American chief delegate, Dr. Philip Jessup, had no difficulty in brushing aside this specious plea. If the Indonesians, he said, had broken the Truce, why did the Dutch not bring the breaches up before the Security Council, instead of taking the law into their own hands? The third point was that the Dutch had no intention of going back on the Renville Truce and that their action against the Republic was with the object of implementing Dutch promises to establish a United States of Indonesia by 1949. What Mr. van Royen forgets is that the Indonesian Republic was one of the contracting parties of the Renville Truce, and even in the world of imperialism it is unusual and wholly irregular for one of the parties to an agreement to "implement" it by eliminating the other. The Security Council must have heard with astonishment Mr. van Royen's charge against the Republican leaders of disunity. What of the Dutch themselves? Here is the account by an impartial, even friendly, writer of events in October: "The Netherlands Foreign Minister, Dr. Stikker, paid a visit to the Republican Premier, Dr. Hatta, in Jogjakarta and returned to Holland not unhopeful of a settlement. . . Back at The Hague, Dr. Stikker failed to win over all his colleagues to his views. . . A delegation, including Dr. Stikker and Mr. Sassen, Minister for Overseas Territories, went to Indonesia to attempt a final settlement. The Delegation virtually made no progress. . ." Briefly, Dr. Stikker was overruled. If is surprising that valuable time should be thus wasted in frivolous contentions by an aggressor nation which is using the time by putting into effect a sinister calculated campaign against a growing nation. The patience even of the long-suffering United Nations may well be worn threadbare by now.

There are signs, however, that the Dutch ruse has been seen through by more than one of the nations of the Security Council. The growing pressure for an immediate cease fire and a reverting to the "status quo" will, we have no doubt, be acquiesced in by the Dutch who have once before followed these very tactics. The Security Council must not leave matters at that. It should not be open to the Dutch to subjugate the Indonesians by a policy of alternating internationalism with imperialism. The July 1947 "police action" robbed the Indonesian Republic of valuable territory and economic resources. The present outrage is meant to strike terror into the Indonesians and destroy their very resistance. From this recurring menace, the Security Council must free the young Republic and the only way is to recognize its independence. In spite of van Royen's protestations, the Indonesians will not get freedom the Dutch way; they must be given it — they have richly deserved freedom — through the Security Council.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

I understand many of the producers are anxious to co-operate in the production of films of better quality. Complaints have been made by producers that want of strict action on behalf of censors with regard to voluptuous and low films makes it difficult for them to produce higher films.

—Mr. T. S. Avinashilingam Chettiar, Madras Minister for Education, to the Madras Board of Film Censors.

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An American news agency message: "The vast reservoir of goodwill which the U.S.A. built up in China for over a century is rapidly running dry."

To which an Indian newspaper, going down to fundamentals, fittingly headlines the reason, "U.S.A. Goodwill for China Exhausted."

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A member of the new Chinese "inner" Cabinet told Reuter that the initiative for peace talks with Communists must come from a "third party—the U.S.A., the U.S.S.R. or possibly the U.K."

The Minister wisely desisted from mentioning the possibility of one more "cease-fire" order from the U.N.

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The difficulty in any of the three Powers specified responding to the invitation lies in (1) America's repugnance to involvement in any economic imperialism, reference Mr. Loy Henderson's press conference; (2) Russia's reluctance to discourage her own boys in China; and (3) Britain's absorbed pre-occupation with the quitting members of her Commonwealth.

Meanwhile, waiting eagerly for third party peace initiative, China's Nationalists and Communists will do their bit by fighting on.

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With American simplicity, Dr. Philip Jessup at the Security Council wondered why, if the Dutch had proof of the Indonesian Republic breaking the truce, they had not complained to the United Nations instead of resorting to violent aggression.

Really, Dr. Jessup. How could Jan Herman van Royen bring a 'purely domestic' matter before the Security Council? Besides—don't you know?—the Netherlands Government were so busy keeping to the straight and narrow path of the Renville Truce that they could only see Indonesian defections after they too cut loose from it. But then how can the finger-in-every-pie American understand the one-thing-at-a-time thoroughness of the Dutch?

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Justifying Dutch rejection of the Republican demand on the ground that it was virtually for the control of Indonesia, Van Royen said, "No Netherlands Government would betray in this way the sacred trust imposed on it."

We respect Dutch—even Dutch—feelings. Will Van Royen now please—tell the Security Council in which way the Dutch can "betray the sacred trust?"

By the way, the Dutch spokesman said that the trust had beeen "imposed on it." The Dutch could not have done the imposing themselves. The Indonesians most certainly did not. We take it that Van Royen referred to the Allies who retired after making Indonesia safe for the Dutch. It should be the easiest thing then for the U.N. to undo what the Allies did.

NEEDS OF BACKWARD CLASSES

(BY A. V. THAKKAR)

In a country like ours, it is very difficult to say which are the advanced and which the backward sections in society. These are comparative terms. After the Census returns of 1921, the Education Department of the Bombay Province divided all Hindu and Muslim castes in three categories of (1) Advanced (2) Intermediate and (3) Backward Castes, from the literacy point of view. The first class consisted of advanced classes like Amils, Parsis, Brahmins, Jains, Banias, Brahm-Kshatris, Prabhus and similar castes. The second category consisted of large numbers of middle classes like Marathas, Kunbis, Muslims and many agricultural castes. The third category consisted of the well-known backward sections of Depressed Classed, Hill and Forest tribes and the numerous small castes of domestic servants and agricultural labourers in rural parts. If my memory is correct, the first class formed only 10 per cent, the second about 50 per cent and the third about 40 per cent. It is but natural that people of the castes mentioned in the first category will always be at the topmost rung of the ladder in the Government service, in trade and industries and in administration. The people in the second category are and will always be struggling to work their way up and thus try to compete with the people above them and take away a part of their monopoly in services and industries. But the third category forming about 40 per cent is very far behind in the race of life and it will take them many decades to come up to the level of the people of even the second class, not to mention the first.

WANTED A GOKHALE

Primary education in our country has not been introduced yet on a mass scale, even the new Constitution now being forged lays down in article 36, merely as a "directive principle" of State policy and not as a fundamental right, "Every citizen is entitled to free and compulsory education and the State shall "endeavour" to provide within a period of 10 years from the commencement of the Constitution for free and compulsory education, for children until they complete the age of 14 years.

Shri G. K. Gokhale of revered memory introduced his first compulsory education bill in the then Imperial Council as early as 1910. Since then the whole country, including even the advanced Provinces like Bombay and Madras, has only been tinkering at compulsory education. No one can say if the "endeavour" promised in article 36 will be sufficient in the year 1960 to make it universal, in all the provinces, Indian States now merged in Provinces, Indian States which have formed their own Unions and the most backward places like Himachal and Vindhya Pradesh as well as in Andaman Islands in the east and Minicoy and Amindivi Islands in the West. Only a Gokhale reborn can do this stupendous work and there does not seem to be any administration in sight, so devoted and sincere as to go in for this one solid reform of "universal education".

BOMBAY'S EXAMPLE

The Labour Department of Madras, which is doing welfare work for the under-dog-Harijans and Primitive Tribes—was started in the year 1920. It started thousands of Primary schools specially for the Harijans. They were separate Harijan schools as Harijans were then tabooed in the ordinary city and village schools. A couple of thousand such school are run at the present day by Madras Government in very backward districts. The Bombay Government appointed a Committee to enquire into the educational and social conditions of Harijans and Hill tribes in the year 1929, of which Dr. Ambedkar and the present writer were members. As a result of the recommendations of this Committee the Government of the day opened the Backward Classes Department though then on a small scale. This grew in course of time to a good proportion. All backward castes entitled to get the benefits of welfare work were divided into three categories: (1) Depressed and untouchable castes (2) Aboriginal and Hill Tribes and (3) Other Backward Castes of Hindus and Muslims which though very small in numbers each class individually were at the bottom of Society and from an educational point of view were perhaps worse off than Harijans. This classification of Backward Classes is very strictly followed and adhered to for the last 18 years, in Bombay Province. Further this Department makes very serious efforts by its influence to see that all differences "interse" between these categories are abolished. I give below a few of the castes of the 3 categories, of Bombay province:

SCHEDULED CASTES: 1. Bhangi; 2. Chambhar; 3. Dhor; 4. Holaya; 5. Khalpa; 6. Mahar; 7. Mahyavanshi; 8. Mang; 9. Meghwar; 10. Vankar.

ABORIGINAL AND HILL TRIBES: 1. Bhil; 2. Chodhra; 3. Dhodia; 4. Dubla; 5. Gamit; 6. Kathari; 7. Koli Mahadev; 8. Tadvi Bhil; 9. Thakur; 10. Warli

OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES: 1. Bawa; 2. Berad; 3. Charan; 4. Bajigar; 5. Bhamta; 6. Jogi; 7. Kaikadi; 8. Lamani; 9. Miana; 10. Nat; 11. Od; 12. Ramoshi; 13. Vadder; 14. Vaghi; 15. Vakkals.

Unfortunately no other province, not to speak of any State has copied the example of Bombay in this respect, viz., attempting the welfare of all its backward people. Recently C.P. Bihar, the U.P. and Orissa have started departments for either one or two categories of their backward classes. Bihar has in addition started a department for its backward Muslims also, formerly called Julahas or weavers and now Momins. Assam has done very little. East Punjab and West Bengal are doing fairly well for Harijans only. But now time has come when all backwards in all the Provinces, in Hyderabad, in Rajputana, and even in the backward regions like Himachal and Vindhya areas must be taken care of by the Union as a special obligation imposed upon it by the new constitution and it is hoped that it will undertake it (not merely endeavour) to carry it out with vigour and enthusiasm. While doing this, the backward classes in the backward states, now forming a solid part of the Union, have to be specially watched.

Recently article 10 of the Constitution which some of the articles conferring fundamental right was debated. According to it though equal opportunity will be given to all citizens in State services without any discrimination exception is made in favour of Backward Classes of citizens who are not adequately represented in services at present. During the discussion it was brought out that the word "Backward" was undefined and that the listing of any caste as

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

A Word To Historians

The object of reading history is that we may study the past in order to learn wisdom for the future as well as how to make our present better. But not all history books are helpful in attaining this object. For, historians are apt to be influenced by what they misconceive to be patriotic motives on the altar of which truth and interests of humanity are not seldom sacrificed. Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru, in inaugurating the Silver Jubilee of the Indian Historical Records Commission on Thursday, had this difficulty in mind when he urged that historians should seek to lay emphasis more on the binding aspects of history and events rather than on the fissiparous and disruptive tendencies in the world. He did not, of course, suggest that in doing so they should sacrifice preciseness, truth and scholarship. What matters is the approach to history. Most histories of India, for instance, have abeen written with wrong approach with the result that they have been a not unimportant factor in creating the poison of communalism which we are now determined to destroy.

A Welcome Scheme

The Government of Bombay has prepared a five-year programme of what is described as the all-round development of the industrial workers in the province. Under the scheme literate workers will be given free useful training in history, geography, physiology and hygiene, civics, arithmetic and general science. They will also be given the opportunity of listening to lectures by experts on various topics useful to them. This is a welcome attempt to illumine the minds of workers who, as things are at present, have to lead a dull and drab life.

Bad Taste

The execution of General Tojo and six other Japanee war leaders for war crimes ends a not too creditable episode in world history. The General, who was Premier of Japan during the War, has paid the price of defeat. He and his colleagues were no better and no worse than war-mongers the world over. It should be a chastening thought that at this very moment the Dutch are pursuing an even more reckless adventure. In all these cases, the people most affected by the war leaders are the people of the country they lead. The less democratic the nation, the greater is the responsibility of the top men, the less can the people be tainted by the errors of the leaders. To those who abhor war, defeat and victory make no difference. It is bad enough in all conscience that in the 20th century leaders of defeated nations should be tried as war criminals and given the death sentence. But it is execrable taste to report the executions as the Japanese hangings have been reported. "General Tojo," runs the message, 'harboured hate for Britain and America. Even granting that the hangings were necessary, was this after-death reproach quite called for? Honour while you strike him down the foe that comes with fearless eyes is a noble precept. The condemned Japanese leaders bore themselves with dignity and composure to the end, reflecting credit on their nation. It is a matter of some satisfaction that India, by the courageous stand of her representative on the 11-nation Tribunal, Mr. Justice Pal, was saved from any part in this sentence and execution.

Words And Deeds

The Secretary of the National Congress of Goa observes that there is little enthusiasm in nationalist circles in Portuguese India over the resolution on foreign possessions in India passed by the Indian National Congress at Jaipur. And he makes special mention of the words of the Governor of Portuguese India: "There will always be a Portuguese India." Evidently a more vigorous and combative pronouncement was expected from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Nationalist circles in Goa, however, should not infer that temperate language denotes hesitation to act. It is not possible to imitate the utterances of Fascist speakers who employ a flowery and aggressive tone in even announcing their mildest decisions. The fact that the Portuguese Governor says his charge will continue, does not in any way mean that it will; it need not even mean he believes it will. So far as Indian national sentiment goes, foreign settlements will at no distant date return to India, to which they are bound by ties of history and tradition.

Danger Of R.S.S.

The R.S.S. "Satyagraha" is petering out, so we are told. But this estimate of the danger involved in the movement may be in the nature of wish being father to the thought. There is, however, no justification for complacency. The R.S.S. movement is a most dangerous movement and, in national interest, it must be rooted out. The Madras Premier, Mr. O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar, has just declared that what the R.S.S. men are doing today is in pursuance of "Duragraha" and not "Satyagraha" and that their organisation has more dangerous potentialities than even the Communist party because the latter at least professes violence openly and the R. S. S. is an entirely underground organisation. Whether the Communists profess violence openly or whether they refrain from underground work is beside the point. What is important to note is that the R.S.S. movement cannot be allowed to grow in this country if the latter is to be made safe for freedom and democracy. The Madras Premier's appeal to the public not to be led away by the surface activities of the organization is, therefore, very timely.

No Slackening

The Premier not only disclosed that the R.S.S. believed in, and wanted to plant, a "Peshwa Raj" in the country but he also added that the Governments, Provincial and Central, had unimpeachable evidence to show that the R.S.S. had, on more than one occasion, plotted against India's top-ranking leaders and also to overthrow the Government by violence." The immense potentialities for danger to the country's peace, safety and integrity, which the R.S.S. movement has, could not have been more clearly and plainly indicated.

With the evidence that Government possesses and to which Mr. Reddiar refers, the Government could not afford to take risks. It had to take firm action and we have no doubt there will be no slackening in the stringency of the action until the movement is completely suppressed.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Congress Resolution On High Standard Of Conduct

Sir,—It appears that at the instance of India's Premier Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, at a special meeting of the Subjects Committee of the Indian National Congress, the body decided to cancel an amendment passed earlier exhorting and directing Congress legislators and Ministers to set an example of public conduct. The argument advanced by Pandit Nehru was that the inclusion of the word 'Ministers' amounted to an indirect vote of censure. He suggested that members were probably not aware of this implication and moved the House to reconsider the amendment in view of this implication. It was so considered; Pandit Pant and Sardar Patel supported Pandit Nehru's arguments and by almost the same majority as when it was passed the amendment was deleted.

During the course of his argument Pandit Nehru admitted that he did not even know the names of many provincial Ministers, and yet apparently as they all formed members of a team he had to take cudgels on their behalf. Then, again, it does seem rather curious that the body which gives directions to and is supposed to guide our Ministries should not understand the obvious implications of a resolution until they were explained in the way they were done by the Premier of India and his colleagues. The straight way would have been to ask for a direct vote of confidence.

On the whole, the entire procedure reminds one of Mr. Churchill's treatment of British Parliament during war, when on every possible occasion he sought to raise it to a vote of confidence for the time being and secured it. These, however, as history has proved are not the ways either of democracy, or even of continuing one's hold over bodies and the nation. If Congress Ministries are quite so certain of their hold on the people of this country, I think they could afford to be a little less sensitive. A resolution including Ministers in a general exhortation to high standards of public life, need not be interpreted as a reflection unless there is a feeling that it has some ground!

Apparently one of the most telling arguments advanced for the proposed reconsideration was that of Pandit Govind Vallabh Pant who pointed out the greatness of India's Premier and Deputy Premier and explained how without their leadership everything would topple down and end in chaos! Does this seem a very appropriate argument when we are supposed to reap the full harvest of Democracy? And, finally let us remember that even so, the voting showed at least one-third of the members against the proposed deletion. Does that, after all, mean complete confidence in our leaders? The fact of the matter is that a wrong step can never lead to correct results.—Yours, etc.

P. R. DAMLE.

Poona, Dec. 22.

Reaction To Dar Commission

Sir,—The whole of Karnatak is reeling under the re-actionary report of Dar Commission. It reads like a political thesis, on the integration of India into one homogeneous whole. But, unfortunately, the remedy suggested will worsen the disease rather than cure it. It assumes without foundation in fact that there is no national feeling in our Union and all those who have pleaded for half a century and more, are charged with Balkanising the country. It forgets that one of the main planks of attack of British administration by all eminent leaders of the Congress, both dead and living, was the mal-formation of Provinces ignoring race, language and sentiments of the people. It further forgets that the idea of forming Provinces on linguistic basis, was blessed by Mahatmaji, the father of the Nation and upheld by the late Pandit Motilal. It has not cared a pin that the Congress itself after mature deliberations, divided India into linguistic Provinces and that the mal-formation of Provinces by the British Government, was recognised in the two famous reports—Simon Report and Montford Report. It does not appear to have cared to know, that the Congress, day in and day out, has assured people that as soon as it got into power, it would solve the problem of Linguistic Provinces, nor has it cared to know that despite the existence of Linguistic Provinces under Congress constitution, the cause of India's independence never suffered.

All the people of India fought as one community. It is no wonder, therefore, that the Report of the Dar Commission has caused a great surprise and a greater disappointment. It is a case of mountain in labour producing a mouse. It was very unfortunate that top-ranking leaders of the country, were making speeches after speeches, against the formation of Linguistic Provinces, clean forgetting that by so doing, they were doing irreparable damage to the sacred memories of Mahatmaji and Pandit Motilal, and that they were, perhaps unknowingly, pre-judging the issue submitted for judgment to Dar Commission. We, Kannadigas, who have suffered for centuries, being scattered under numerous Administrations, cannot brook delay. We have been degraded spiritually, and economically, though not politically at the present moment. Some supposedly learned people opine that the formation of Linguistic Provinces amounts to dis-memberment of the country, that the linguistic approach leads psychologically to sub-nationalism and to narrow loyalties. The proof of the pudding lies in the eating. Our immediate past record does not justify such cynical and melancholy pessimism. The people of the Union are sensible enough not to Balkanise the country. No sane man believes that the future is safe for small territories posing as nations. While we talk of World Federation, it is silly to suppose that we think of dismembering our Country into un-recognisable pieces.

My advice to my people is that they would be well-advised, to convene a Convention of all Kannadigas, including legislators of both the Central and Provincial Governments, to consider, among other things, what should be done to get out of the tragic situation that confronts us, whether it is more advisable to hold a joint convention of all people, whose demand is the same as ours and whether the report of Dar Commission is not 'ultra vires' of the terms of reference.— Yours, etc.

S. N. ANGADI
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Belgaum, December 21.

Ram Raj

Sir,—For many people Ram-Raj is an utopia. It is an age-long habit of the people to think that high ideals are to be admired only from the distance. We refer to the noble and heroic deeds of Ramayan and Maha-Bharat as things done by supermen and not applicable to mortals like ourselves. Only Mahatma Gandhi quoted freely from our ancient mythology not as a glorious past but as an example to be followed by us just now.

Ideals will remain far-off ideals only as long as we do not advance an inch even in that direction. If we start marching to them they will cease to be utopias and be palpable realities.

Education can make men either monsters or angels. We have just seen men changed into monsters by a methodic education carried on in Fascist countries. Reverse the role and it will be easy to judge that an education in a contrary direction will change the same men into selfless heroes. The world has seen the Japanese Kamicase and German Storm-troopers. Why not produce Mahatmas with a spiritual force greater than theirs?

This is not said in a spirit of moral sermon. It is known, for instance, that theft is unknown in Switzerland and Japan. Some virtues can be imbibed into the populace as a matter of fact, without recourse of sermons and preachings. The only question is to start in dead earnest.

It is not enough to wish a Ram-Raj in this land of ours. It will remain a pious hope if we do not undertake to carry out the programme of establishing it with a systematic education of the people.

What they think is an Utopia today will be a reality to-morrow.—Yours etc.

MUKUND KELEKAR.

December 20.

"DON'T COMMIT ECONOMIC SUICIDE ON NATIONAL SCALE"

M. K. Ghosh Warns Government On Industrial Policy

CALCUTTA, Dec 23 (API): Presiding over the Indian Commerce Conference here today, Prof. M K. Ghosh of Allahabad University examined the economic policy of the Government of India and suggested the establishment of a Committee composed of all interests in the country to consider and report on the whole policy of industrial and trade taxation in association with the policy of nationalisation, which the Government intended to pursue. He supported lightening of the present heavy burden of taxation on industry and private income while recognising the great need for a larger income for the state.

Prof. Ghosh warned the government that they would be "committing economic suicide on a national scale" if they spurned the hands of friendship extended by private entrepreneurs and eject them from the field of active function, directly or indirectly.

FOREIGN CAPITAL

Referring to the investment of foreign capital in India, Prof. Ghosh said that every scheme of stepping up production would require capital. While welcoming foreign capital under the present conditions in the beginning, they should also try to mobilise their own internal resources latent inside the country. This the cost of reduction in their standard of living for some time to come. The Government should also try to create and accumulate capital by all methods they could employ. They should not in particular, fight shy of borrowing at a higher rate of interest inside the country. This he said was very necessary to encourage investments.

STERLING BALANCES

Prof. Ghosh said that the accumulation of their Sterling Balances must, to a very great extent, be held responsible for the inflationary conditions which prevail in the country.

As for speculation, hoarding and profiteering, if heavy punishment such as long-term rigorous imprisonment and confiscation of all the ill-gotten gains were meted out the evil could perhaps be reduced, if not altogether eradicated. Only firm action alone could produce results, he said.

COMMONWEALTH ISSUE

Concluding, Prof. Ghosh expressed the opinion that it would be to India's advantage to be a member of the British Commonwealth of nations at the present stage. Later on, however, if they found that this Commonwealth link was working to their national prejudice they would always be at liberty to break it out.

FRENCH TEAM TO MEET ENGLAND

Thomas Cup European Zone Badminton

PARIS, Dec. 22. (Reuter): The French badminton team to meet England in the semi-final of the European Zone of the Thomas Cup competition was announced to-day.

SINGLES: Henri Pellizza, Dr. Yves Badon, Emile Maillot.

DOUBLES: Pellizza and Zadoin; Maillot and [illegible] Marret.

France had a bye into the semi-final while England gained her place by defeating Scotland.

The winners of the tie meet the strong Denmark team in the zone final.

Phadkar Out Of Third Test

BOMBAY, Dec. 23. (A.P.I.): A statement from the Board of Control for Cricket in India today said.

"The Board of Control for cricket in India has been informed that D. G. Phadkar will not, owing to illness, be able to play in the third test match against West Indies at Calcutta commencing on December 31.

It will be remembered that Phadkar was ordered to bed owing to an attack of fever during the second test at Bombay. He has since then been confined to bed."

Trainer Habib Chotani Dead

Mr. Habib Chotani, a former race horse trainer of Western India died this morning after a protracted illness

The late Habib Chotani had been training horses owned by his brother, Mr. Osman Chotani till a couple of seasons ago, when his licence was withdrawn by the R.W.I.T.C. Ltd. Though his training licence was later restored he did not again take up training duties.

He leaves behind a widow and a son.

The "FATEHA" and the "ZIARAT" ceremonies will be held in the Minara at 9 a.m. this morning.

CRAPP TO REPLACE SIMPSON

Only Change In England's Team For Second Test

LADYSMITH. Dec. 23. (Reuter): It was announced this morning that J. F. Crapp, the Gloucestershire, batsman, will take the place of R. T Simpson, the Nottinghamshire amateur, in the England team which meets South Africa in the Second Test starting on Monday December 27.

This is the only change in the side which won the first Test at Durban a few days ago. Simpson will be twelfth man.

HAT-TRICK BY H. FERNANDES

G.I.P. Rly. "B" Win Easily

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A grand hat-trick within a period of 7 minutes in the second half by Harry Fernandes, the G.I.P. Railway 'B', centre forward enabled the Railwaymen to conquer Bombay City 'A' by four goals to one.

In the first half the Railwaymen scored through Dalgado outside left and Ledlie drew level for the City this brought both teams on level terms in the first half. On crossing over Harry Fernandes going through on his own scored and put his side ahead. Within a few minutes he scored his sides third goal with a left flick and all within the space of seven minutes performed the hat-trick.

In the earlier game Khatau Sports Club beat Panchgani Parsi O. Boys by a solitary goal, scored by Bangera.

Inter-Collegiate Hockey League

BOMBAY, Thursday.

In the Inter Collegiate Hockey League Elphinstone College and R. I. S. gained a solitary goal victory over M. M Arts College.

Elphinstone College and R. I. S. should have won by a bigger margin but their forwards delayed a bit too long. M.M. Arts College are novices to the game and the Elphinstonians took things eas. Tolani scored fir the winners

PAREL HOCKEY

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The following are the results of the matches played at Parel:—

Telegraph R. C. 3 (Narayan 2 and Cheerose), Bhimraj S.C. 0 (Div I).

Goan Sports 'B' 4 (German. Marons. Remedios and Conny), Panchgani Parsi 'B'. 0 (Div. III).

St. Andrew's H. S 2 (M. D'Mello 2), Little Flower 1 (A D'Souza); St. Xavier's H. S. 2 (Fernandes and Fonseca), St. Stanisaus 0 (Fr. Pa'acius League).

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Association Ground

2-45 p.m.—St. Xavier's vs Ruia (Inter Collegiate League).

3-45 p.m.—Brother's H. C. vs. Mazagon Docks (Div. II)

4-45 p.m.—Young Comrades 'A' vs. Catholic Gymkhana (Div. I).

G.I.P. RAILWAY GROUND, PAREL

4 p.m.—Blue Wizards vs Parel Sports

5 p.m.—Byculla Low vs General Motors.

TENNIS

C.C.I. Courts

3-45 p.m.—Mixed Doubles (First and second round.

Inter-College Tennis Tournament.

H. E. the Governor taking the salute at the March-past of the Bombay Area Inter-services Athletic meet held at the Brabourne Stadium on Thursday. Behind the Governor is Maj.-Gen. Rajendrasinghji.

Excellent Track-Work By Fitna And Jeanne D'Arc

(By Our Correspondent).

The following are the gallops noted at Mahaluxmi:

OUTER TAN

RIM JHIM (Kheem) showed out from BAAZ BAHADUR (Antoo) and TOM CAT (G. Chavan) when covering last six furlongs in 1 min. 22⅘ secs

BOLD BANDIT (Chavan) held AZAD HIND (Dashrat) when sent over three. They clocked 37 secs.

LIBERTY BELLE (Kheem) had the measure of AAN BAN (Antoo) and JAWAHIR (G. Chavan) when doing the last six in 1 min 22 secs. LIBERTY BELLE moved impressively and she is sure to run well in the rich event on Sunday.

MADURI (Purtu) disposed of KUNJ-GAL STAR (Chavan) and BHOPAL STAR (R.B.) when covering a mile in 1 min. 51 secs. The last-named was far behind at the end.

EASTERN JEST (Cunningham) outclassed BLUE LOTUS (Argade) when doing a noteworthy nine furlongs gallop in 2 mins. 4 secs BLUE LOTUS though disgraced, cannot be neglected in the poor company this time.

BRILLIANT SUNSHINE (R.B) did easy ten furlongs in 2 mins 26 secs

SHAHISTAH (Purtu) had narrow measure of BROKEN MASK (R.B) when sent over six. The last five were covered in 1 min 7 ⅘ secs

PRIDE OF HINDUSTAN (Chavan) and DUKE OF RAMGARH (Dashrat) were engaged in a rousing five furlongs gallop The two-year-old had his head in front and will be hard to crack.

PRAMILA (Uttam) moved attractively in front of GOODWILL (Jagdesh) and PARTING SUMMER (Evans) when covering six furlongs from 9 to 3 in 1 minute 21 1/2 seconds

SAITA (Robert) and TANTALUM (Cunningham) were placed in close order at the end of a trial over seven furlongs. Timing 1 minute 38 seconds

MAYYA DEVI (Rickaby) MACHERIE (R.B.) FASHION PARADE (Kadam) and RANG RAO (R.B.) were placed in the order mentioned when doing eight furlongs in 1 minute 52 seconds.

BATTLING ADMIRAL (Sumer) held MASKED PLAYER (Diab) and HERE AGAIN (Md. Khan) when negotiating a mile in 1 minute 51 seconds. The first-named may make amends now.

FITNA (Evans) DINIAR (Jagdesh) and RANA PRATAP (Uttam) did an outstanding mile gallop in 1 minute 49 1/2 seconds. FITNA and DINIAR moved in hand and may win at weekend races.

TISCO (Chavan) had the measure of PLAY ON (Dashrat) when sent over five. Both were not pressed and they clocked 1 minute 7 1/2 seconds.

AARZU (Dashrat) was speedier than BARA MULLA (Chavan) when covering five furlongs in 1 minute 8 seconds.

RACE GRASS:

NEAR IMAGE (Khade) shaped better than CRESCENT (Guman) when doing last seven in 1 minute 35 1/2 seconds

LADY CLEOPATRA (Rickaby) covered six furlongs in 1 minute 20 seconds.

KING SHERIDAN (Rosario) moved on tight-reins and was four lengths in front of BLUE ARROW when covering seven furlongs in 1 minute 37 seconds.

HAPPY GO LUCKY (G. Chavan) and SON OF A GUN (Kheem) recorded 1 minute 52 1/2 seconds for a mile.

JEANNE D'ARC (Rickaby) was too good for PROSPERO (Shaikh) when covering a mile in 1 minute 48 1/2 seconds.

SIMON'S SISTER (R.B.) and RASHTRAPATI (Rickaby) covered six furlongs in 1 minute 18 1/2 seconds. Latter needs watching.

ACCEPTANCES

The following are the acceptances of Bombay Winter Meeting, Seventh Day, to be run on Sunday, 26th December, 1948:

THE GHOLVAD PLATE. Division II—Distance 5 furlongs.

Joe Louis 8-7; Basilian 8-7; Summer Lightning 8-7; Reform 8-7; Furat 8-7; Kennereth 8-7; Deuce of Clubs 8-7; Onslaught 8-7; Tawaqul 8-7; Aarzu 8-7; Bihari 8-7; Lake Success 8-7; The Conqueror 8-7; Even Money 8-7.

THE KANARA PLATE.—Distance about 1 1/2 miles.

Battling Admiral 9-4; Army and Navy 9-3; Blue Lotus 9-2; Golden Square 9-1; Pearl Mahal 9-0; Rang Rao 9-0; Valiant Prince 8-11; Down South 8-8; Brilliant Sunshine 8-8; Home Spun 7-11; Miss Rutty 7-5.

THE SAPHALA PLATE. Division I. —Distance 5 furlongs.

Marlow 9-0; Little John 9-0; Hind Vijay 9-0; Reuter 9-0; Kotidhwaj 9-0; Untamed Prince 9-0; Who Knows 9-0; Toto 9-0; Dark Roy 9-0; Gwalior Express 9-0; Fowzia 8-11; Flash Ena 8-11; Shahistah 8-11; Sweetie Shah 8-11; Gipsy Flower 8-11; Jahan Zaib 8-11; Excellent 8-11.

THE GHOLVAD PLATE. Division I. —Distance 5 furlongs.

Lochinvar 8-7; Taray 8-7; Desert Knight 8-7; Prince of Mahad 8-7; Trumpidor 8-7; Chand Chakor 8-7; Play On 8-7; Makarpura 8-7; Gang Bhup 8-7; Reshone 8-7; Shah Fredoon 8-7

THE INDIAN 1,000 GUINEAS (1948) —Distance 1 mile.

Liberty Belle 8-7; Sweet Maryla 8-7; Ironside 8-7; Dulari 8-7; Midinette 8-7; Brave Anna 8-7; Fitna 8-7; Arowhena 8-7; Big Hearted 8-7; March On 8-7.

THE BARODA CUP—Distance 1 mile.

Full House 9-0; Kirti 8-11; Jawahir 8-11; Bramford 8-10; Jeanne D'Arc 8-8; Royal Crusader 8-9; Star of Mahad 8-8; Maduri 8-8; Mayya Devi 8-7; Zam Zam 8-5; Goodwill 8-4; Repartee 8-4; Post Master 8-3; Boop's Fancy 8-3; Fie 8-1; Pramila 7-13.

THE SAPHALA PLATE. Division II. —Distance 5 furlongs.

Asoka 9-0; Shivneri 9-0; Poppet 9-0; Gay Sire 9-0; Vagabond Prince 9-0; Shah of Iran 9-0; Marvel 9-0; King's Star 9-0; Steve 9-0; Jai Malhar 9-0; Abdel 9-0; Fair Rose 8-11; Yes 8-11; Adorable 8-11; For Ever Amber 8-11; Sarojini 8-11; On and On 8-11; Duchess of Ramgarh 8-11; Titina 8-11; Leading Lady 8-11; Parastar 8-11.

THE KARACHI PLATE.—Distance 7 furlongs

Ghizala 9-3; Cocktop 9-2; Khundil 8-13; Rashtrapati 8-13; Masked Player 8-11; Saita 8-11; Blue Mist 8-10; Hikmet 8-10; Crescent 8-10; Lady Cleopatra 8-3; Rana Pratap 8-0; Bold Bandit 8-0; Tantalum 7 12; Gorl 7-10; Put All 7-10; Merry Windsor 7-10; Hercules 7-6; Pound Note 7-4.

THE VIRAR PLATE.—Distance 1 mile.

Diniar 9-2; Stylish Lady 8-13; Bhopal Star 8-9; Dragon Seed 8-6; Happy Go Lucky 8-4; Aman 8-3; Adeline 8-2; Baaz Bahadur 8-1; Paramount Power 7-13; Here Again 7-10; Grace 7-8; Shoni 7-8.

INTER-SERVICE BOMBAY AREA SPORTS

Poona Sub-Area Win Championship

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Inter-Services Sports Meeting arranged by the Bombay Area Headquarters concluded thiss evening with their Athletic Sports that were held this afternoon at the Brabourne Stadium.

Keen competition was witnessed and the various events provided a high standard of Athletics.

The following are the results of the events decided during the course of the afternoon:—

110 METRES HURDLES

Naik Mohindar Singh (R.I.A.), 1. 2/-Lt. Cheema (A.A.C., Centre), 2 Lt. Thomas (R.I.E.), 3. Time: 16.7 secs.

PUTTING THE SHOT

Lt. Parduman Singh (I.A.C.), 1. Lt Thomas (R.I.E.), 2. Ris Ranjit Singh (I.A.C.), 3. Distance: 39 ft. 8 in.

100 METRES RUN

2/Lt. Nanavati (I.A.C.), 1. Ris. Dalip Singh (I.C.A), 2. Hav. Pritham Singn (Poona Sus-Area) 3. Time: 11 secs.

THROWING THE JAVELIN

Nk. Niranjan Singh (Poona Sub-Area), 1. 2/Lt. Cheema (I.A.C., Centre), 2. Gunner Shringam Singh (R.I.A.), 3. Distance: 141 ft. 4 in.

THROWING THE DISCUS

Nk. Niranjan Singh (Poona Sub-Area), 1. Lt. Parduman Singh (I.A.C.) 2. Lt. Collaco (R.I.N.). 3. Distance: 104 ft. 3 in.

200 METERS RUN

Hav. Laxmi Dutt (Poona Sub-Area), 1. Nk. Pala Singh (R.I.A.), 2. Nk. Jogindra Singh (Poona Sub-Area), 3. Time: 23.7 secs.

400 METRE RUN

Nk. Gobind Singh (Poona Sub-Area), 1. Lt. Burrett (R.I.E.), 2. L/Nk. Roshan Singh (R.I.A.), 3 Time: 51.7 secs.

HIGH JUMP

Subedar Major Govind Swami (I. Sig.), 1. L. D. Shaikh Usman (I.A.C.), 2. Jem. Dewan Singh (Poona Sub-Area), 3. Height: 5 ft. 7 in.

1,600 METRES MEDLY RELAY

Poona Sub-Area, 1. R.I.A., 2. R.I.E., 3.

TUG-OF-WAR

Poona Sub-Area, 1. R.I.E., 2.

ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

Winner: Poona Sub-Area.

Runner-Up: I.A.C.

The above Cup was presented by the G.O.C., Bombay Area.

CHAMPIONSHIP CUP

Winner: Poona Sub-Area.

Runner-Up R.I.E.

The above Cups were donated by His Excellency the Governor of Bombay.

The Bombay Area, it is understood are sending a strong contingent for the ensuing Bombay Olympic Sports.

The Governor of Bombay presided, and Mrs. Rajendrasinhji wife of the G.O.C., Southern Comand distributed the prizes.

Inter-College Tennis

GOOD DISPLAY BY MISS GOPALDAS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Inter-College Tennis Tournaments were continued this evening when the Men's and Women's double matches were decided.

Having lost the first set without winning a single game the Sydenham College second pair rallied round to completely turn the tables on their opponents from the Podar College and won the remaining two games to record a well-deserved victory for their College.

In another interesting men's doubles match, Khatau and Mecklai playing for the St. Xavier's were extended fully by the second team from the Elphinstone for whom Vashistha and Varawalla gave a good display to lose very narrowly by 4-6, and 6-8.

The first string of the G.S.M. College made short work of the Xavierites, Miss Pilloo Billimoria and Miss Rutty Vakil in the women's doubles. Credit for this goes mostly to Miss Nirmala Gopaldas who in partnership with Miss Meera Parmanand hardly gave their opponents any semblance of a chance.

Miss Gopaldas was in an exceptionally good form this evening, and her hard and accurate fore-hand drives were too much for her opponents, who could only manage to bag three games in both the sets.

In the other women's doubles match of the evening, the Elphinstone pair, Misses A. and S. Singh registered a straight-game victory over the St. Xavier's second pair.

The following were the results:

MEN'S DOUBLES

Nat. Med. 'A' (Jain and Dalal), beat Wilson 'A' (Naigaumwalla and Cawasji), 6-0, 6-4; E.C. & R.I.S. 'A' (Mallapur and Pratap Singh) beat Podar 'A' (Kavarana and partner), 6-4, 6-1; St. Xavier's 'B' (J. K. and R. K. Umrigar) beat G.M.C. 'B' (Saigal and Bali), 6-4, 6-2; Sydenham 'B' (Rego and Vakil) beat Ruia 'A' (Tipnis and Nirodi), 0-6, 6-4, 6-4; St. Xavier's 'A' (Khatau and Mecklai) beat E.C. & R.I.S. 'B' (Vashisth and Varawalla), 6-4, 8-6; Sydenham 'A' (Desai and Elavia) beat G.M.C 'A' (Dadlani and Shahani), 6-0, 6-2; G.S.M. 'B' (Mehta and Laheji) w.o. Nat. Med. 'B'; Podar 'B' (Sanghvi and partner) w.o. Bhavans 'A'.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

E.C. & R.I.S. 'B' (Miss A. Singh and Miss S. Singh) beat St. Xavier's 'B' (Miss Perin Gazdar and Miss Freny Dastoor), 6-2, 6-0; G.M.C. 'B' w.o. Nat Med. 'B'; E.C. & R.I.S. 'A' (Miss Kundaji and Miss Bhandari) beat G.M.C. 'A' (Miss Piroja Irani and Miss Maki Chinoy), 7-5, 2-6, 6-2; G.S.M. 'A' (Miss Nirmala Gopaldas and Miss Meera Parmanand) beat St. Xavier's 'A' (Miss Pilloo Billimoria and Miss Rutty Vakil), 6-2, 6-1.

TABLE TENNIS LEAGUE

Entries Close Today

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The entries for the Bombay Provincial Table Tennis League will definitely close tomorrow, Friday at 6 p.m.

Those teams that have not given their entries are requested to send them in to the Secretary, Sports Secretariat, at the Brabourne Stadium oefore the closing time.

EIGHT-MAN U. S. TEAM FOR BRITISH GAMES

Olympic Winners To Be Included

LONDON, Dec. 22. (Reuter): The Amatuer Athletic Union of the United States will send a team of eight athletes to compete in the British Games at the White City Stadium here on Monday, June 6. it was officially announced here to-day.

The Americans expect to include a number of Olympic winners.

Acceptances have also been received from France, Belgium and the Netherlands, while Sweden's agreement is expected to be received within the next few days.

An invitation has also been extended to Emile Zatopek. Czechoslovak winner of the Olympic 10,000 metres to take part in a two mile race in which it is hoped he will attack the British record set up by the Swede Gunder Haegg in 1945.

Amendments In Cotton Definitions

BOMBAY, Dec. 23 (UPI):

The general permission issued by the Textile Commissioner on the 1st September 1948 under the Indian Cotton (Control) Order, 1945 contains definitions of the various varieties of cotton, says a Press Note issued by the Textile Commissioner.

As it was found that the definitions given there for Dhollera, Kalagin and Oomra Deshai the overlopping, the Textile Commissioner has now issued an amendment to the General Permission suitably modifying the definitions of the above varieties of cotton, the Note adds.

Bombay In The Lead

UMRIGAR AND RAMCHAND SCORE CENTURIES

MADRAS, Dec. 23 (API): A grand century partnership between Ramchand and Umrigar of Bombay and two individual centuries by the same batsmen were the main features of today's game in the Inter-University Cricket Championship semi-final (South Zone) between Madras and Bombay, which began here yesterday.

Resuming their first innings, Bombay lost three wickets early in the innings for 94 runs but Ramchand and Umrigar playing faultless cricket, put on 182 runs in as many minutes for the fourth wicket before Ramchand was caught behind the wicket for 111 runs scored in 167 minutes and including 15 fours. Umrigar, who was in his eighties when Ramchand left, soon reached his century after batting for 163 minutes. He made his exit at 106 which included fourteen fours. The Bombay tail collapsed thereafter and the whole side were all out for 329 runs immediately after tea, the innings lasted five hours.

Kannayiram, the Madras skipper, returned the best analysis by bagging four wickets for 54 runs but the credit for breaking the Ramchand-Umrigar partnership should go to Wilson as it looked like never ending.

Madras, in their second venture had lost three wickets for thirtyfive runs when stimps were drawn for the day.

Following are the scores.

Madras University (first innings) 213

Bombay University (first innings)	
B. R. Irani lbw Kannayiram	19
P. G. Joshi c Abraham b Ganesan	26
D. K. Gaekwad lbw Anatarama Rao	19
R. S. Ramchand c Chakravarti b Wilson	111
P. R. Umrigar c Chakravarti b Kannayiram	106
D. P. Medh b Wilson	3
K. C. Abdullah c Chakravarti b Kannayiram	5
M. M. Mohideen c Wilson b Anantarama Rao	10
R. B. Keny c Kannayiram b Anatarama Rao	4
D. H. Shodan b Kannayiram	0
S. P. Gupte not out	0
Extras	26
Total	329

Fall of wickets:— 1/38, 2/58, 3/94 4/276, 5/284, 6/302, 7/320, 8/326. 9/329.

Bowling analysis

	O	M	R	W
Anantaram Rao	32.3	7	68	3
Kannayiram	22	5	54	4
Ganesan	15	2	69	1
Abranam	22	7	65	0
Krishna Mohan	1	0	9	0
Gopinath	3	0	18	0
Wilson	7	1	21	2

Madras (Second Innings)

Anantarama Rao batting	18
Chakravarti c Shodan b Ramchand	1
Gopinath run out	15
Wilson c Irani b Shodan	0
Bhaskeran batting	0
Extras	1
Total (for 3 wickets)	35

Fall of wickets 1/2 2/30, 3/30.

Lt.-Col. Advani Dead

POONA, Dec. 23 (API): Lieut-Colonel R. T. Advani, Inspector-General of Prisons, Bombay Province, died here yesterday after a brief illness at the age of 53.

27 Killed In Madrid Plane Crash

MADRID, Dec. 23 (Reuter): All 27 occupants were killed when a regular Madrid-Barcelona airliner crashed near Tarragona today.

Parsi Landlord Gives Evidence In Morarka's Case

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Nusservanji Maneckji Kalianivalla, a wealthy Parsi landlord and Excise contractor was the second witness to be examined in the case in which Gokulchand Dwarkadas Morarka, a city millionaire and millowner and Rao Bahadur Damjibhai Jethabhai Shah, a Municipal Corporator are being tried on charges of having offered a bribe of rupees one lac to Inspector Cajetan Miranda of the Anti-Corruption Branch of the Bombay C.I.D. The witness related how he opened negatiations for the payment of the bribe at the instance of Morarka.

The Court of Mr. K. J. Khambatta, Presidency Magistrate, was crowded today when Inspector Miranda stepped into the witness box to resume his evidence. Inspector Miranda told the Court how Morarka was arrested after Shah had been taken into custody. His evidence was concluded after he had been in the witness box for ten full hours.

Mr. Miranla in his deposition today said:

Superintendent Bashiruddin was acquainted with the nature of the talk I had with Morarka. Mr. Bashiruddin immediately dispatched Deputy Inspector Mistry to bring Morarka from the office of the Sholapur Mills, at Hornby Road. When Morarka was brought he was placed under arrest by Mr. Bashiruddin. That is all that happened on the 5th of May, 1948. My salary at present is Rs. 750 with allowances, after Income-Tax and Provident Fund are deducted I get Rs. 576 net. I have no other sources of income apart from this.

I was recommended for accelerated promotion on the 29th of April, 1948 before the arrest of these accused and was actually promoted on 12th May. This was the second accelerated promotion in one year. My salary then was Rs. 610 with allowances.

Cross-examination of the witness was reserved.

CONTRACTOR'S EVIDENCE.

Mr. Maneckji Nusservanji Kalyanvalla the next witness, stated: I am a salt contractor and a liquor licensee. I owned liquor shops till March 31, 1948 in Thana District. I am a landed proprietor in the same district. I own property worth about thirty to thirty-five lacs of rupees. Some times I pay Rupees I lac and more as Income-Tax. I have a telephone. I was involved in an Excise conspiracy case in 1948 and was arrested on 10th Feb. 1948. It was the Anti-Corruption Branch that arrested me. Since that time I used to frequently visit the A.C.B. office as I was required for purposes of investigations.

WITNESS IDENTIFIES MORARKA.

Witness identified Gokulchand D. Morarka and said:—I came to know him in the A.C.B. office. In March when I and Morarka were in the Inspector's room of the A.C.B. office, we had a conversation. I told him that I was involved in an Excise case. I in return asked Morarka why he was there. He told me that he was being called for enquiry in the "Notes Case".

He introduced himself to me as Gokulchand Sheth of the Sholapur Mills. He also inquired of me regarding my name, address and 'phone number. He said he wanted to see me. I said he was welcome.

TRUNK CALL

On March 24, my brother Jehangir informed me that Gokulchand Sheth had come to see me accompanied by two or three persons. They had come in a car. Morarka did not leave a message for me.

On the 25th March I had gone to Jawahar State with Inspector Miranda and Deputy-Inspector Mistry.

On the 26th March I had a trunk call from Morarka at about 8 a.m. He said he was phoning from the Apollo Mills. He said he had come to see me on the 24th, but he could not see me. He said he had some leisure that day and asked me when he could see me in Bombay, in the Apollo Mills or elsewhere. I said that I proposed to go to the A.C.B. office and that he could meet me at the Taj. He agreed to meet me at the Taj in the afternoon.

That morning I first returned to my office and in the afternoon I went to the Taj. Morarka was there seated in the lounge. He said to me, "You go to the A.C.B. office almost daily. If you have received any information regarding my case, please let me know." I told him that I did not know much. I said some Parsi gentleman was examining the books of account of his Mills every day. I also told him that I had not paid any particular attention but would in future observe and let him know. I then went to the A.C.B., office.

ARREST OF MORARKA

Morarka was arrested on 30th March, 1948.

I again met him at the Taj at lunch on the 31st March. He told me that he had been arrested on the preceding day in connection with the "Notes Case" and that Mr. Miranda was investigating the case. He also said that since he saw me daily in the A.C.B. office, I must be on good terms with the officers, i.e., Mr. Miranda, Mr. Bashiruddin, Mr. Mistry, etc.

Morarka said he was prepared to spend any amount to hush up the case. He meant the amount that was to be passed on to Miranda. I told him that I would talk to Mr. Miranda about it on the same day. I then went to the A.C.B. office at about 3 p.m. There I met Miranda and asked him whether he was investigating Morarka's case. He said "yes". I told Miranda that Morarka was prepared to pay any amount in order to get favourable results in the case. Miranda asked me if I was serious and told me that he had already warned Morarka against attempting to bribe him. He said he was surprised that in spite of the warning Morarka persisted and had sent me to him.

I told Miranda to consider the matter. Miranda said he was busy as he was leaving for Delhi the same day and would give me a reply after his return. Miranda returned on or about the 8th of April, 1948. During this interval I received two or three trunk calls from Morarka. He was enquiring whether Mirdanda had returned. On the 8th April I received a trunk call during which Morarka complained that I was not seeing him and that days were being wasted. He asked me to see him soon. I made an ppointment to see him at the Taj, the following day. I met him at the Taj on the 9th at lunch. He said Miranda had returned. I told him that I had no opportunity to talk to him but I felt that Miranda would take the money but would not do the work. I now say that Miranda would not be suborned by a bribe. Morarka then said that if there was a man whom Miranda trusted implicity, his work should be done through that man. I told him that I would do my best. From 9-4-'48 to 20-4-'48. I repeatedly reminded Miranda regarding the matter.

On the 20th April I again received a call from Morarka. He inquired whether anything had been done in the matter. I said I could not report any progress. On the 23rd April, I telephoned to Miranda and requested him to give me a definite reply regarding Morarka's matter as he was pestering me. Miranda asked me to see him on the following day in his office. On the same day I telephoned to Morarka at the Apollo Mills I informed him that Miranda had asked me to see him the following day.

I saw Miranda on the 24th at the A.C.B. office at 5 p.m. I asked Miranda what he had done about Morarka. Miranda took me to Superintendent Bashiruddin, saying that he proposed to trap Morarka. Mr. Bashiruddin asked me what conversation I had with Morarka. Bashiruddin then telephoned to the Commissioner. I was then asked to telephone to Morarka from the A.C.B. and make an appointment regarding the payment. I agreed to telephone. The conversation was to be listened in. I rang up at 7-15 p.m. and Miranda listened in.

Morarka asked me why I was not meeting him. I asked him to see me at the 8aj that day and said that I hade talked to Miranda and that his work was likely to be done.

Morarka said that I should see him at the Apollo Mills instead.

I agreed.

I could not keep the appointment. On the 25th I got another call from Morarka. He asked me to see him at his Hornby Road office after 2-30 p.m. I saw him accordingly. There were five or six others with Morarka whom he sent out.

I told Morarka that Miranda was prepared to accept the money and that he should contact Miranda and settle the matter with him as to how much should be paid.

Morarka told me that I should negotiate and that he was prepared to spend upto Rupees ten lacs. Morarka said he would help me in my business if his work was done.

I saw Miranda at his house that night at 8-30 and told him what Morarka had said. Miranda told me to see Morarka at his residence and inform him that he was prepared to accept ten lacs by instalments.

On the 29th April I met Morarka at the Sholapur Mills office by appointment at 3 p.m.

I told Morarka what transpired between me and Miranda and asked him to see Miranda at his residence. Morarka declined saying that it would look suspicious. He said I should bring Miranda to an address at Walkeshwar. I told him that Miranda would not go there. I then told Morarka that if he saw Miranda in his office it would not create any suspicion. I telephoned to Miranda and told him that Morarka would like to meet him in the A.C.B. office. Morarka also spoke to Miranda over the 'phone.

At this stage the Court adjourned. The case will be heard at 3 p.m. on Friday.

BOMBAY RACES

★ SEVENTH WINTER MEETING

Sunday; 26th Dec. 1948

DAY ENTRANCE

FIRST: Gents Rs. 5/8 Ladies Rs. 3/8 || SECOND: Rs. 3/8

RACING UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS

REORGANISATION OF LEGAL EDUCATION IN BOMBAY

Committee Appointed To Suggest Reforms

The question of the reform of legal education in Bombay was considered by a Committee in 1935-36. Following on the recommendations of this Committee, the Government of Bombay sanctioned, in consultation with the University of Bombay, certain changes which took effect from the academic year 1938-1939. The Government now considers that a review of the whole position of legal education is urgently necessary to take account of the subsequent developments and needs. It has therefore appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court to examine the system of legal education in this Province and suggest reforms. Other Members of the Committee will be: A Judge of the Bombay High Court to be nominated by the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Mr. Purshottam Trikamdas, Barister-at-Law and Mr. G. R. Madbhavi, B.A., LL.B., Advocate, representatives of the Bar Council; Mahamahopadhyaya Dr. P. V. Kane, M.A., LLM., D.Litt., Vice-Chancellor, University of Bombay and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. H. Bhagwati, M.A., LL.B., representatives of the University of Bombay; Mr. J R. Gharpure, B.A., LL.B., Principal, Law College, Poona, Representative of the Poona University, The Principal, Government Law College, Bombay, will act as Secretary of the Committee.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference to the Committee are as follows: To reorganize the existing courses in Law so that the standard of a Degree in Law may be improved and raised; To determine the stage of admission to the Law courses and the minimum pre-legal education necessary; To reorganize the post-graduate courses in Law so as to include Advanced Studies and Research in Law; To determine whether Legal Education should remain as at present under the control of the three bodies, the High Court, the Bar Council, and the University or whether it is desirable to set up one single body such as a Council of Legal Education, and if the latter, then to make recommendations regarding the composition and the powers of such a body; To suggest ways and means for the improvement in the methods of the teaching of Law; To consider the question of instituting short diploma courses in Law for the benefit of students desiring to enter various walks of life other than Law; To determine the qualifications, training and the method of recruitment to the teaching staff; To consider and report on any other question relating to Legal Education which the Committee thinks desirable.

The Government has had under consideration the appointment of this committee for some time. In the meantime the Government of India appointed a Commission on University Education. There is however need for intensive consideration of the problems of this province and also of some aspects which the Government of India Commission will not cover. Any recommendations which this committee may make will therefore be considered by the Government of Bombay in the light of the general recommendations of the Government of India Commission.

The Committee has been requested to submit its report to the Government as early as possible before the end of March 1949.

RELIABLE EXPERT PALMIST

Mysore Legislative Council President & ex-Minister Mr. H. B. Gundappa Gowda, writes: "I had occasions to meet Prof. Swamy from some time past. He is a young man of considerable ability in PALMISTRY and his readings have given me satisfaction. I am sure the public will find in him a useful person in reading their future."

Consult Prof. SWAMY

Charges: Rs. 10/- Staying at Room No. 9, Hotel Elphinston, Hornby Road, opposite Lloyd's Bank Ltd., BOMBAY.

HANDLOOM WEAVERS' GRIEVANCES

Deputation Waits On S. P. Mukherjee

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (A.P.I.): A deputation of the All-India Handloom Weavers' Congress led by Prof. N. G. Ranga, the President, waited on Dr Shyamaprasad Mukherjee, Minister for Industry and Supply, to draw his attention to the cornering of yarn by dealers, high prices and blackmarketing, consequent on the imposition of control on prices and distribution of yarn.

The deputation suggested that the present system of yarn distribution should be abandoned and the entire yarn quota to handloom weavers should be distributed through weavers co-operative societies. They also laid stress on the need to reduce the prices of yarn.

PLEA FOR EXPORT PERMITS

They requested the Government to facilitate the speedy disposition of the accumulated stocks of handloom cloth by permitting the export of handloom cloth to foreign countries on a large scale, by insisting upon the Pakistan Government to take 25 per cent of their imports in handloom cloth.

Dr. Shyamaprasad Mukherjee is understood to have told the deputation that the removal of controls at this stage was not possible and that Government would closely examine the suggestions made by them.

A Rajkot message date 20th inst., states: "It had been earlier reported in the press that some R. S. S. workers who have been arrested had been fasting in the Jail. It is now learnt that the persons fasting have given up their fast."

FILMS TO SEE THIS WEEK

"OLIVER TWIST"

Dickens's Classic At Regal

In bringing Charles Dicken's immortal stody "Oliver Twist" to the screen, Cineguild have created not only a permanent authentic and realistic visual record of one of the most outstanding novels ever written, but a fine example of first class film technique and superlative acting, incorporating the best and most impressive features of British film production.

Directed by David Lean and produced by Ronald Neame, it follows the world success of Gineguild's firtt Dickensian film, "Great Expectations."

Written to expose the terrible conditions which orphans were faced with at the beginning of the last century, "Oliver Twist" contains adventure, excitement and pathos and is ideal film material. Technically, it was more difficult to adapt for the screen than "Great Expectations." The main problem was to make fantastic, larger than life characters fit into a setting of stark realism. Almost all the dialogue was taken straight from the book and the script was written by David Lean and Stanley Haynes.

It took months to find a suitable boy to play Oliver. John Howard Davies, the final choice, has great acting ability and conforms to Dickens's description of "a pale thin child, diminutive in stature and decidedly small in circumference.... but with a good sturdy spirit in his breast...."

The cast, headed by Robert Newton, Alec Guinness, Kay Walsh and Francis L. Sullivan, were all chosen for their proven ability rather than their star names. The technical team, too, was picked with equal care.

Stated to be one of the greatest pictures ever to come out of any British studio, "Oliver Twist" is the result of a combination of the finest technicians and talented artist in the film industry today.

On Sunday morning at 10 a.m. a double feature, "Pardon Us" and "Sons of the Desert" with Laurel and Hardy will be screened.

A scene from "Escape"

"ON AN ISLAND WITH YOU"

Tropical Musical At Metro

You'll yearn to be on an island with Esther Williams, Pater Lawford and Jimmy Durante when you see M-G-M's tropical Technicolor musical "On An Island With You" starting from today at the Metro theatre.

With its all-laugh plot highlighted by such spectacular production numbers as underwater ballet in which aqua-star Miss Williams is seen to advantage, and some wonderful dance routines featuring Ricardo Montalban and Cyd Charisse (remember them in "Fiesta"?), the fast-paced story revolves about a motion picture troupe on location in the Hawaiian Islands. Jimmy Durante, as the company's harassed assistant director, of whose slim shoulders all the "dirty work" falls, finds himself driven to the breaking point when the crew is augmented by a technical adviser in the person of Peter Lawford. For Lawford, in an attempt to break up the romance between Miss Williams and Montalban, kidnaps the star and holds her prisoner until her resistance melts away.

Durante's patience, in the meantime, melts away as well, but not to the extent of preventing him from giving forth with such hilarious duties as "I'l Do the Strut-Away" with plenty of strutting, "Takin' Miss Mary to the Ball" and "I Can Get Along Without Broadway".

Lawford also has a hit number in the plaintive "If I Were You," and his romantic scenes with Miss Williams will have both bobby-soxers and elder-agers wishing him well. Montalban scores as the fiery Latin leading man, Cyd Charisse proves herself a superb trouper and the cast is given additional musical flavour in the person of Xavier Cugat and his popular orchestra.

With a song in every scene and a thousand-and-one laughs in every reel "On An Island With You" is on a par with the best in screen musicals.

On Sunday morning at 10 a.m. "On An Island With You" will be screened.

"ESCAPE"

Galsworthy's Suspense Drama At Strand

Two of the screen's top stars are teamed for the first time when Rex Harison and Peggy Cummins are seen in "Escape," the Twentieth Century-Fox screen version of John Galsworth's greatest suspense drama.

In the film opening today at the Strand, Harrison portrays Matt Denant, who, sentenced to prison for an accidental killing, plunges into a desperate adventure. Miss Cummins, who recently scored in "Green Grass of Wyoming," plays Dora Winton, who falls in love with the escaped convict.

PLAYWRIGHT OF THE SLAG HEAPS

Pretty Jill Craigie became Britain's first and only woman film director when producer William MacQuitty invested his savings, and Jill her jewelry, in a documentary. This woman of the "sharp ears, alert eyes and compassionate heart", had spent a year among the coal mines of Abergwynfi, in Wales, in order to write the script for a film of the problems, hopes and loves of the miners. The film is called "Blue Scar" (after the blue discolouration of the skin caused by work in the pits).

Hyderabad Ban On "Matlabi"

HYDERABAD (Dn), Dec. 23 (UPI): The Hyderabad Government has banned the Jagriti Pictures film entitled "Matlabi", according to a press note issued today.

"ALBUQUERQUE"

Colorful Western Drama At New Empire

"Albuquerque," Paramount's Cinecolour saga of the old Southwest, opens today at the New Empire with an outstanding cast headed by Randolph Scott, Barbara Britton, George "Gabby" Hayes and Lon Chaney. The picture is full of action, colorful characterizations and exciting incident. Fans who like their movie thrills set against the great outdoors should have a fine time seeing "Albuquerque".

The story, set in 1878, tells of the lawless elements of the New Mexico town, led by Randolph Scott's uncle. Scott arrives from Texas to work for his uncle, discovers him to be an unscrupulous despot. He breaks with the old man to join forces with the girl he loves and her brother, who have set themselves up in business that is in direct competition with Scott's uncle.

The old man resorts to theft, violence and even murder to retain control of the town and its business, which his nephew is determined he shall not do. How Scott succeeds in putting an end to his uncle's tyranny makes 'Albuquerque" the exciting movie it is.

There is plenty of romance in the film, too, provided by Scott and Catherine Craig and also by lovely Barbara Britton and Russell Hayden, latter in the top featured role. Hayden and Miss Craig play the courageous brother and sister who dare to defy the old man. George Cleveland does a fine job as Scott's corrupt uncle.

ACROSS THE SEAS

T.W.A.'s Two-Way Film Service

Shuttling motion picture films between European capitals and Hollywood has become almost routine business with Trans World Airline.

Currently, TWA is running an across-the?seas film service for two motion pictures now being made in Europe.

For "The Prince of Foxes", a 20-Century Fox motion picture, starring Tyrone Power, the airline flies completed film to the Hollywood studio. There, it is accepted or rejected. The moviemen., who are making the picture here, "hold" the set until cabled word is received as to whether the sequences are approved.

For "The Man on the Eiffel Tower," an A. and T. Production with Charles Laughton and Franchot Tone, being made in Paris, TWA flies a daily two-way shuttle service. Photographed in Ansco color film which is so new that there is no way of developing it in Paris, the films shot each day are carried by TWA to Hollywood for developing. When printed, the airline returns them to the production men in Paris.

"Without this airplane ferry set-up, we would be helpless," says Ruby Rosenberg, top R.K.O. production man on loan to A. and T. for the picture.

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Sunday, 10 a. m.—"On An Island With You."

REGAL

"Oliver Twist", starring Robert Newton, Alec Guinness, John Howard Davies, Kay Walsh and Francis L. Sullivan.

Sunday, 10 a.m.—"Pardon Us" and "Sons of the Desert", with Laurel and Hardy.

STRAND

"Escape", starring Rex Harrison and Peggy Cummins.

NEW EMPIRE

"Albuquerque", starring Randolph Scott, Barbara Britton, George "Gabby" Hayes and Lon Chaney.

U.N. INVITES INDIAN SCIENTIST

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (UPI): Dr S. L. Hora, Director of Zoological Survey, Government of India, has received an invitation from the Secretary-General UNO, to prepare a paper on "Pond culture of warm water fishes".

Dr. Hora has been invited on the eve of the preparatory Committee of the Scientific Conference on Conservation and Utilisation of Resources which has been called by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations to meet in May-June, 1949, in U.S.A.

Brazilian Rice For Madras

MADRAS, Dec. 23 (UPI): A ship carrying three thousand tons of Brazilian rice arrived in Madras harbour yesterday.

Of this 1,500 tons have been allotted to Mysore and the rest for Madras Province.

Message Of Ramayan

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 23:

A resolution that in order to carry our the message of Ramayan to every home in India, Government should accept Ramayan as great National volume and that it should be taught in every school and college will be placed in the days sessions of the All India Ram Charit Manas Convention now in session under presidenship of Babu Pursotamdas Tandon. Various speakers including Mr. Mavlanker, and President-Elect Babu Purshottamdas Tandon addressed the gathering and spoke at length about the life of Shri Rama and his teachings and observed that Gandhiji's conception of Ramraj was based on this ideal. Raja Manendra Pratap also attended the conference.

MYSORE VENUE FOR F.A.O. CONFERENCE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (UPI): India is expected to be the venue of another International Conference next summer.

It is understood that the Director-General, F.A.O. of United Nations has accepted the Government of India's invitation to act as the host country for the next session of the Timber and Forest Utilisation Conference for Asia and the Pacific. Among the participants of the Confernce, India is probably the largest timber-producing country.

The Conference which is likely to be held in Mysore city will be attended by about 200 delegates.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23, (A.P.I.): Don Lacy, Manager and John Goddard, Captain of the West Indies team have arrived here from Bombay. The remaining members of the team will arrive tomorrow.

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RAM BAAN
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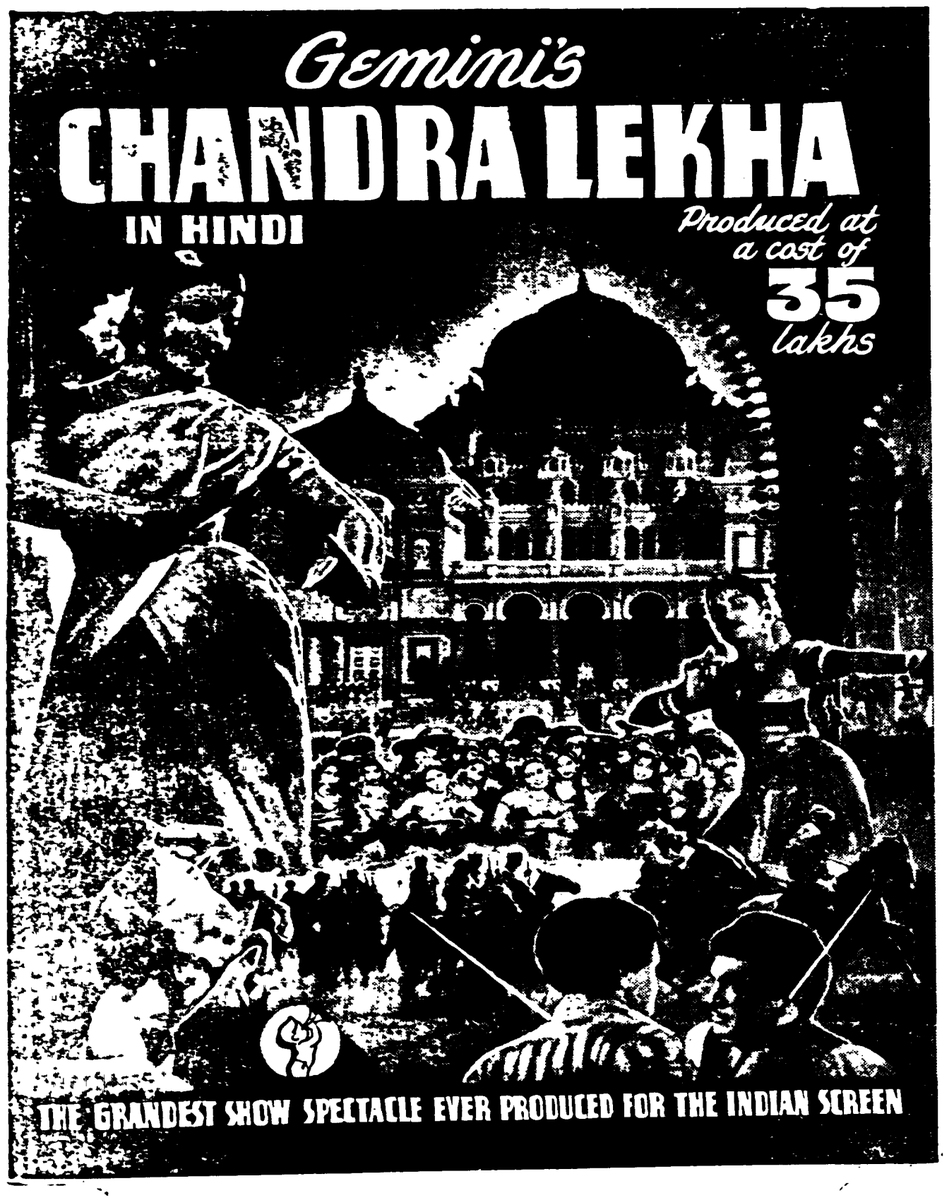

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CITY & SUBURBS

To-day

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Muslim: Safar 22, 1368
Parsi: Tir 23, 1318
Sunrise: 7-09 a.m. Sunset: 15-08 p.m.
Hightide: 05-58, 19-08.
Lowtide: —, 12-54

Today's Engagements

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: The Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected members of Wards Nos. 33 and 34, today (Friday), at 8-30 a.m. (S. T.), at Mahim Chowk and go round with them in the Wards.

'MAJMA-UL-ADAB': Variety entertainment, on annual social function, at 5 p.m., today (Friday), Ismail Yusuf College Hall.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "The Wisdom-Religion Esoteric in all Ages." is the subject of Study Class, today (Friday), at 6-15 p.m., at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp Flora Fountain.

SRI RAMANA SATCHIDANANDA SAMAJ: Manjal Kungumam for Ladies, at 3-00 p.m. and Musical entertainment, at 9 p.m., at Bruta Nivas, King's Circle, Matunga, today (Friday).

"VAISHYA SAMAJ", BOMBAY SILVER JUBILEE: The above function will take place at Gilder Tank Maidan, Lamington Road Grant Road, today (Friday), to Monday, December 27, at 8-45 p.m. (Every day) Principal K. M. Khadve, will preside. Programme: Friday, Dec. 24th, 8-45 p.m.: (1) Inauguration by His Worship the Mayor; (2) Speech by Reception Committee Chairman. (3) Presidential Address; (4) Inauguration of exhibition by Shri S. K Patil; (5) Drama—"Sastang Namaskar". Saturday, Dec. 25th, 8-45 p.m.: (1) Musical Concert by Smt. Gangubai Hangal of Hubli Sunday, Dec. 26th, 8-45 p.m.: (1) Drama—"Hach Mulacha Bap". Monday, Dec. 27th, 8-45 p.m.: (1) Drama—"Udyacha Samsar"; (2) Prize Distribution; (3) President's concluding speech; (4) Vote of thanks; (5) Vande Mataram.

BOMBAY AUTOMOBILE EMLOYEES' UNION: A free cinema show for the benefit of its members and their family members at 8-0 p.m. at Jinnah Hall, Congress House, Bombay, under the presidentship of Sri Kantilal Sharma.

THE ART SOCIETY OF INDIA: The following is the new managing board: President, Br. V. R. Amberkar; Vice-President, Mr. K. S. Kabbur; Chairman Mr. V. P. Karmarkar; Members, Mr. G. V. Puranik; Mr. P. M. Patel; Mr. N. S. Bendre; Mr. M. R. Acharekar; Mr. V. A. Mali; Mr. S. G. Mishall; Mr. D. B. Jog; Mr. H. N. Dallas; Mr. K. N. Pathare; Mr. S. V. Shah.

LAW AND CIVIL SUPPLIES MINISTER BOMBAY, Dec. 23, (A. P. I.). Mr. Dinkerrao Desai, Minister for Law and Civil Supplies, Bombay who led the F. A. O. Conference in Washington will arrive in the city from London by plane on Monday, Dec. 28, at midnight.

Art Society Exhibition

Owing to the popularity of the Diamond Jubilee Exhibition of the Bombay Art Society, the exhibition is extended day. The Exhibition will be closed on Saturday, the 25th December, at 7-30 p.m.

Christmas Holiday For Rationing Offices

All Ward and Area rationing offices as well as the Head Office, Civil Supplies Godowns and attached sales offices, the Central Separated Milk Powder Depot at the Cricket Club of India the Milk Distribution Depots in the Bombay Suburban District, Separated Milk Powder Godowns and Government Grain Shops and godowns will remain closed on Saturday the 25th December, 1948, on account of Christmas Day.

Bombay Garage Workers' Demands Granted

The two years pending demands of the workers of Bombay Garage Ltd have now been decided by the Industrial Tribunal. Sri P. S. Bakhale, in his award has granted dearness allowance on an increased scale and with retrospective effect from 1st January, 1948, and has introduced fixed monthly salary for all the employees with substantial increases in them. The demand of gratuity at the rate of one months' salary for each year of service has also been conceded in toto besides 15 days' privilege leave and 10 days' sick leave, with facilities of accumulation, 8 days' holidays with pay over and above ususal bank-holidays have also been sanctioned by the Adjudicator.

Kher Leaving For Delhi On Monday

Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, will leave Bombay, for Delhi, by air, on Monday, December 27.

Dinkerrao Desai

Mr. Dinkerrao N. Desai, Minister for Law and Civil Supplies, will arrive in Bombay, from London, by plane, on Tuesday, December 28, at 00.30 hours.

BASRUR Wedding
Mr. ARIEL ASHEERVAD SALINS, son of the late Mr. MARK SALINS, Udipi, was married to ROSE CHRISTABEL daughter of Mr. G. K. BARNABAS, Basrur, on 25th instant.

Milk Price Negotiations

BOMBAY, Thursday:
The Members of the Milk Negotiations Committee interviewed Mr. Dias, the Director of Civil Supplies, at 2-30 p.m. today. The Milk Commissioner was present.

The rise in the price of grass to the extent of Rs. 80 for 1,000 lbs was fully discussed. The Government are trying their best with the Railway authorities to secure adequate wagons supplied for the City and it is promised that the grass prices will be controlled before Dec. 31, 1948. The question of the cost price of the milk, which is the chief grievance of the Committee, will be discussed on the return of the Minister and the Negotiating Committee has not withdrawn its resignation.

Radio

BOMBAY, Friday, Dec. 24.
244 m. (1,231 kc/s)
7-30 a.m. Sundarabai Jadhav (Bhajan) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8115 News (H) 8-30 Anjanibai Loiekar (Vocal music) 12-0 p.m. Mahila Mandal Programme of special interest to women in Gujarati 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Madhursur Amubai, Joyotsna Mehta, U. M. Maniar, Ramchandra Pai, Rajkumari, Ashraf Khan, Ninu Mazumdar, Vishnukumar Vyas, Raseshwari 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 "Jingle Bells" Arranged and presented by Lee Clarke 4-20 Mohanlal R. Kapadia (Gujarati Geeto) 4-40 Anant D. Vartak (Vocal music) 5-0 Basavraj Bhendigiri (Tabla vadan) 5-15 Sonibai Mulgaonkar (Vocal music) 6-15 Sonibai Mulgaonkar (Vocal music) 7-0 Topic of the Day 7-40 Local Announcements and Weather Report 7-15 Basavraj Bhendigiri Tabla recital 7-30 Talk in Marathi 7-45 Panditrao Nagarkar 7-55 Varyanarachi Varat 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Vinodini Dixit (Vocal music) 8-40 For the Universities 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News Relay 9-40 Anything Goes 9-45 Vadya Zankar 10-0 Anjanibai Loiekar (Vocal music) 11-0 Bombay Madrigal Choir (Christmas Carols) 11-15 Goodie Seervai and his Orchestra 11-45 The Holy Family Resting by the Wayside.

VARIATIONS.
41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)
7-40 a.m. Haike Phulke Gane Ranoje and Shyama, Sheela Sarkar, Bunnam Khan Akhtari Bai Jagnonan T. Susheela 5-45 p.m. Mohanlal R. Kapadia (Gujarati Geeto) 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners.
61.48 m. (4,880 kc/s)
7-45 p.m. Commercial News 8-0 Mohanlal R. Kapadia (Gujarati Geeto) 8-15 Anant D. Vartak (Bhavgeeten) 8-0 Sundrabai Jadhav (Abhang and Geeten) 9-15 Vinodini Dixit (Vocal music).

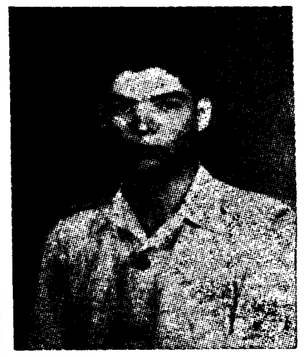
A. I. R. BARODA.
FRIDAY, Dec. 24.
7-30 a.m. Morning Variety (Recorded) 7-50 News (G) 8-00 News (E) 8-15 Film Music (Recorded) 8-30 As in Bombay 6-00 p.m. News (E) 6-10 Local Announcements 6-15 Programmes for rural areas in Gujarati relayed from Bombay 6-35 Apni Farmaish (Recorded) 7-00 Abdus Samad Maulvi 7-20 Govind Rao N. Dantale 7-45 Topical Talk Music 8-00 Baburao Kadam: Sitar 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Abdus Samad Maulvi 8-45 Book of Verse: Recitation of his own poems by Mr. Yogandra Tripathi 9-00 News (E) 9-15 Babu Rao Kadam: Sitar 9-30 Govind Rao N. Dantale.

SPECIAL X'MAS PROGRAMME: A.I. R's. (Bombay), programme of Christmas music by United States Information Service, at 1-40 p.m., today (Friday). Lee Clark, narrator for the popular American Sketchbook programme, will be heard, as will 12-year-old David Auld, Bombay boy soprano, also the most universally popular Christmas music, and Choral and orchestral numbers as well as solo voices.

CAPT. DARA D. MISTRY OF I.R.A. DEAD

Promising Career Cut Short While On Active Service

News is received in Bombay of the tragic death, while in action, of Capt. Dara Dinshaji Mistry, son of Mr. D. K. Mistry of Dehradun, at the very young age of 26 on December 15. Capt. Dara had a very brilliant career. After passing the Senior Cambridge from the St. Joseph Academy at Dehradun he took training under Col. Brown in his Military Training School. On the outbreak of World War II in 1939 he entered the Military Cadet Training School at Bangalore and finishing his studies in six months was made 2nd-Lieutenant. He saw active service in Burma, Assam and Ceylon, with the Royal Indian Artillery and worked there to the entire satisfaction of his superiors. His amiable and jovial disposition endeared him to all, superiors as well as those who worked under him, and he rose to Captain's rank. An example of his tact and resourcefulness was furnished when while, working on the



Late Capt. DARA D. MISTRY.

Burma front, men of certain Unit went on strike and refused to yield. As soon as Capt. Dara was made temporarily Commandant of the Unit he succeeded in ending the strike. After return from Burma he was given permanent Commission in the army. He was then posted to Ambala for Artillery training on Mountain Front, and two months back he and his Unit moved towards Kashmir front. His was a very daring and successful career which was unfortunately cut short so suddenly. We deeply sympathise with his relatives in their sad bereavement!

CIVIC ADDRESS TO RAJAJI

BOMBAY, Thursday.
The Bombay Municipal Standing Committee at its meeting today sanctioned a sum of Rs. 5,000 to meet the expenses for presenting a civic address to Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, Governor-General of India, on his visit to Bombay next month. Mr. Ganpatishankar Desai presided.

Government House News

BOMBAY, Thursday:
The Governor of Bombay received Mr. R. N. B Brunt, Mr. Kymus K Ginwala and Mr. R. G. Teikamdas.

Mr A. S. de Mello came to lunch.

The Governor attended the Annual Inter Services Sports Meeting at the Brabourne Stadium, where he was received by Major-General D S. Brar.

Students' Protest Against Principal's "Dismissal"

BOMBAY, Thursday:
A large number of students of the Little Flower of Jesus High School at Princess Street, Bombay, has not been attending their classes regularly for the last two weeks as a protest against the reported dismissal of their Principal by the Managing Committee of the School.

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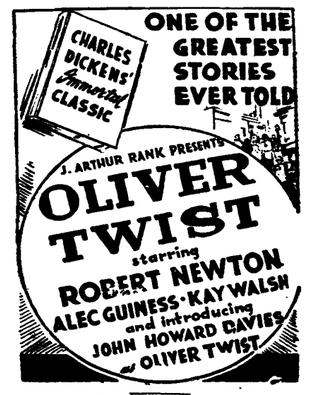

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WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, Dec. 23 (API.) Following is the All-India weather summary for Thursday, the 23rd December 1948:—
Weather has been dry over the country.

Night temperatures were appreciably above normal over the region from East Rajputana to Bihar and the East Central Provinces. They were slightly below normal over the Peninsula and the East Punjab.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL THE EVENING OF 24TH: Dry weather will continue over the country.

Night temperatures may fall slightly in Bihar and the United Provinces.

WEATHER CHART

POONA, Dec. 23 (API.) Following is the daily weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past twentyfour hours, total rainfall from first December 1948 and departure from normal, recorded at 0-8 hours (I S T) on 23rd December 1948.

Ahmedabad Nil Allahabad 77 51 0 0 minus 0.3 Bangalore 75 58 0 0.2 minus 0.2 Baroda 91 52 0 0 0 Belgaum 79 58 0 0.1 minus 0.1 BOMBAY 89 70 0 0 0 Calcutta 77 55 0 0 minus 0.2 Colombo 87 72 0 8.3 plus 3.9 Darjiling 50 34 0 0 minus 0.3 Dehradun 70 40 0 0.4 minus 0.3 Delhi 74 45 0 0 minus 0.3 Hyderabad (Dn.) 82 53 0 0 minus 0.3 Karachi 79 62 0 0.1 Lahore 68 39 0 1.5 plus 1.2 Lucknow 79 53 0 0 minus 0.2 Madras 82 68 0 1.7 minus 2.9 Mahableswar 71 54 0 0 minus 0.3 Nagpur 82 51 0 0 minus 0.3 Rawalpindi 60 37 0 1.6 minus 0.9 Sholapur 84 55 0 0 minus 0.4

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NOTICE

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Company will be held on MONDAY, the 27th December, 1948, at 3-00 p.m. (S.T.) at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 1-2, Mubarak Manzil, (2nd floor) 104, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, to transact the following business:—

(1) To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Account for the year ended 31st December 1947.

(2) To elect Directors in place of those who retire by rotation but are eligible for re-election.

(3) To appoint Auditors for the year 1948, and to fix their remuneration.

(4) To transact any other business that the Chairman may bring before the Meeting.

By order of the
Board of Directors,
P. V. JOSHI
Chairman

N.B.— The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday the December 20th 1948 to Tuesday the January 4th 1949, both days inclusive.

Bombay, Dated 8th December, 1948. (2510)

G.I.P. RAILWAY
SPECIAL NOTICE

WITH immediate effect there will be two III class compartments exclusively reserved for Women on Suburban Trains of 8 coaches INSTEAD of only one as heretofore.

(2707)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND SUPPLY.
NOTIFICATION

Bombay, the 21st December, 1948.

No. TCS-I 48(iii): In pursuance of clause 5 of the Indian Cotton (Control) Order, 1945, I hereby direct that the following further amendment shall be made in the notification of the Textile Commissioner No. TCS-I 48 dated the 1st September, 1948, namely:—

In the said notification in paragraph 4.—

(i) in sub-para (e) after the words "means cotton" the words "other than Kalagin and Muttia" shall be inserted;

(ii) in sub-para (f) after the words "means cotton" the words "other than Dhollera and Muttia" shall be inserted;

(iii) in sub-para (h) for the word "Muttia" the words "cotton known as Muttia in Kathiawar" shall be substituted.

T. P. BARAT,
Textile Commissioner.
2706

EASTERN PUNJAB RAILWAY

Tender No. 187/201-Elec/P2, dated 21-12-48

Sealed tenders are invited for supply of 500 carriage roof fans 16" sweep complete with close mesh guard, fan regulator and resistance suitable for 24/32 volts D. C. supply as per I.R.S. Specification No. E4-40.

2. Quotations must reach the undersigned by 10-1-49.

3. Delivery required by 28-2-49 or earlier. Railway material certificate will be furnished for concessional rate of freight.

4. Inspection will be done at destination.

5. Quotations should be submitted in tenderer's own forms in sealed envelopes superscribed. "Carriage roof fans"

Details of Fans offered and relevant literature should accompany the quotation.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (STORES) DELHI
(2703)

WANTED

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for three temporary posts of Stenographers from nationals of Indian Dominion by birth or by domicile. Persons of Indian descent or citizens of the Indian States which have not acceded to the Indian Dominion or citizens of the Pakistan Dominion or of any other territory adjacent to India are also eligible but a declaration of eligibility issued by the Government of the Dominion of India will be necessary in their case before appointment.

Minimum qualifications required:—

Matriculation or equivalent recognised Examination with a speed of 120 words per minute in Shorthand and 50 words per minute in Type-writing. Candidates with previous experience will be preferred.

Age limit:— 18 to 25 years: but may be relaxed in deserving cases.

Scale of pay for Stenographers is Rs. 80-5-120-E.B.8-200-10/2-220. In addition to the basic pay the posts also carry Dearness allowance. House Rent allowance and Compensatory allowance as admissible under the rules in force from time to time.

No travelling allowance is admissible for interview and/or for joining the first appointment or on termination thereof.

Applications stating name, address, age, nationality, educational qualifications and experience should be adressed to the DIRECTOR OF INSPECTION, FELTHAM HOUSE GRAHAM ROAD, BALLARD ESTATE, BOMBAY so as to reach this office by 8-1-49 at the latest. (2716)

PUBLIC NOTICES

B.B. & C.I. and G.I.P. RAILWAYS.
Accommodation and fares from January 1st, 1949.

ON and FROM JANUARY 1st, 1949, the different kinds of accommodation and the bases of charge (except on the Neral-Matheran Section where special rates are in force and which will be notified separately) will be as under:—

Classes of accommodation.	Bases of charge.
AIR-CONDITIONED CLASS: (a) On B.B. & C.I. Rly. 3 Down and 4 Up Frontier Mails. (b) On G.I.P. Rly. 35 Down and 36 Up Madras Express and 7 Down and 8 Up Calcutta Mails.	36 pies per mile plus a surcharge of six pies per mile subject to a minimum surcharge of Rs. 10/-.
CLASS ONE: By all trains.	24 pies per mile.
CLASS TWO: By Mail or Express trains.	9 " " "
By ordinary trains.	7½ " " "
CLASS THREE: By Mail or Express trains.	5 " " "
By ordinary trains.	4 " " "

The free allowance of luggage admissible on these classes will be:—

50 seers for Air Conditioned class and class One:
30 seers for Class Two;
25 seers for Class Three.

RESERVATIONS.

Sleeping accommodation in trains from Bombay, both B.B. & C.I. and G.I.P. Railways, in air conditioned class and class I can be booked at the Booking Office in the B.B. & C.I. Railway Offices at Church Gate or at the Reservation Office, G.I.P. Railway, Victoria Terminus. 2705

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY.
TENDER NOTICE.

GENERAL MANAGER invites tenders for the supply of 269 Nos. Benches teakwood Cane seats and back.

Tender No. SP/E/Est/4/Gb8/Pt. III. obtainable from Controller of Stores, E.I. Ry., 17, Netaji Subhas Road, Calcutta, on production of receipt of payment of Rs. 5/- to Treasurer, E.I. Ry., Calcutta.

Copy of Drawing No. 2965 (mod) may be purchased from the Office of the Dy. Chief Mechl. Engr: Lillooah, on production of receipt of payment of Rs. 1/8/- to Treasurer, E.I. Rly., Calcutta. Outside firms may remit by Money Order.

Closing date Tuesday, the 18th. January, 1949 at 12 noon.

GENERAL MANAGER.
2674

NOTICE

IN PURSUANCE of Statute 135, Registered Graduates of the University of Bombay are hereby notified that applications for recording changes, if any, in the Electoral Roll of Registered Graduates should be made to the Registrar, University of Bombay, not later than 31st January, 1949. Applications received after the said date will not be attended to.

Copies of the existing Electoral Roll are kept in all the Colleges affiliated to the University and are available for reference at the Colleges.

By Order,
S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar.
Bombay, 15th December, 1948.
2697

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.
Special Engineer's Department, (Works Branch).
NOTICE.

THE SPECIAL ENGINEER invites tenders for the following work, which will be received in the Chief Accountant's Office upto 1 P.M. (B.T.) on WEDNESDAY, the 5th January, 1949.

Construction of an all concrete ovoid sewer 6'-0" x 9'-0" with manholes and other appurtenances from the New Pumping Station at Love Grove to the Manhole No. 9 along the open storm water channel in the Relief Sewer Scheme."

Forms of tender, specifications, etc. will be issued on payment of Rs. 5/- for each copy, to any one deputed to receive them by the Special Engineer (Works Branch), who will on application give any further information that may be required.

Tender copies will not be supplied by post.

By Order of the
MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER.
Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay,
Dated 21st December, 1948
2699

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
VAITARNA-CUM-TANSA SCHEME
CHANGE IN DATE OF RECEIPT OF TENDERS

THE TENDERS for the "Construction of Quarters at Tansa" (Tender No. 15) will be received on WEDNESDAY THE 19TH JANUARY 1949 UPTO 1-00 P. M. (B. T.) instead of on 12-1-1949 as previously advertised.

N. V. MODAK.
Special Engineer.
Municipal Offices,
Fort, Bombay,
23rd December 1948.
(2708)

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.
TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.
NOTICE.

Petition No. 667 of 1948.

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith.

Petition for Succession Certificate in respect of certain debts belonging to LALSINGH RAMCHAND MAKKAR, a widower, of Bostan, Quetta District, Sikh Inhabitant, a Merchant, residing at the time of his death at Bostan, Quetta District, Baluchistan. .....Deceased.

HARBANSSINGH LALSINGH MAKKAR, of Bostan, Sikh Inhabitant, at present residing at Jal Hind Building, Bhuleshwar, outside the Fort of Bombay. ..... Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Succession Certificate.

Witness MOHAMEDALI CURRIM CHAGIA, Esquire, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this 15th day of December, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and forty-eight and in the thirteenth year of our reign.

(Sd.)
S. J. RAHIMTOOLA
Prothonotary and Senior Master

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

(Sd.) A. R. NARAYAN AYYAR
Sealer.

The 15th day of December, 1948.
Messrs. DESAI & CO.,
Petitioner's Attorneys.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

TENDER NOTICE.

Sealed tenders are invited up to 2 P.M. on 2nd January 1949 for Reconstruction of the Sot Nadi Bridge in mile 31 of Bareilly-Muttra Road in Badaun District. The approximate cost of the work is Rs. 3 lacs

Complete tender form can be had on payment of Rs. 5/- from the office of the undersigned on any working day. The tender must be accompanied by a Bank draft of schedule bank or a Treasury chalan amounting to Rs. 6000/- as earnest money pledged to the Undersigned failing which the tender will not be entertained.

Other details can be seen from the office of the undersigned on any working day from, 11-0 A.M. to 4 P.M.

S. P. HAJELEY,
District Engineer.
P.W.D. Badaun.
2534

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

RARE OPPORTUNITY FOR CAPITALISTS AND INVESTORS TO PURCHASE IMMOVEABLE PROPERTIES ON HILL STATIONS.

OFFERS ARE INVITED by Haji Mahomed Hajee Sulaiman of 277, Abdul Rehman Street, Bombay 3, Receiver appointed in Bombay High Court Suit No. 3415 of 1947 of the estate of Haji Allimahomed Haji Cassum (Agboatwalla) for the purchase of immoveable properties situate at Matheran and Mahableshwar.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY SITUATE AT MATHERAN KNOWN AS "BELLEVUE" having beautiful view of PANORAMA POINT.

ALL THAT piece of leasehold land, situate at MATHERAN containing by admeasurement three acres ten Gunthas and four annas or thereabouts and denoted as No. 116 in a map deposited with the Collector of Kolaba together with the bungalow and out-houses thereon the present annual ground rent whereof is Rs. 65-2-0 and annual local fund cess Rs. 12-3-6 and bounded as follows:— East by the property of P. G. Singhani on the North and West by Elphinstone Road and on the South by the property of Adenwalla Brothers.

The Bungalow is one storeyed, having 11 large bed-rooms with dressing rooms and bath rooms fitted with water taps, a large drawing and dining room combined, verandahs all round, fully furnished, linen, crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils, electric lights, washing basins two separate kitchens with servants quarters. Another separate out-house of 3 rooms and 2 both rooms and a separate stable, suitable for residence or Hotel.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY, SITUATE AT MAHABLESHWAR SASSOON ROAD known as "NIRA" LODGE

ALL THAT land, situate at Mahableshwar, containing by admeasurement 4 acres and 27 Gunthas or thereabouts and denoted as property No. 103 in the map of Mahableshwar Hills, deposited with the Collector of Satara and bearing Survey Nos. 53, 54 and 121 (part) the present annual ground rent whereof is Rs. 153-13-6 and bounded by Looson Lodge compound and Jameson Lodge Compound.

The bungalow consists of ground floor, having 6 bed-rooms with dressing rooms and bath rooms attached, large Drawing and dining rooms, verandah all round fully furnished. Linen crockery, cutlery and cooking utensils, separate out-house and kitchen.

The intending purchasers are requested to submit offers contained in a cover marked "Offer for Matheran/or Mahableshwar property" to the Receiver at the above address, on or before the 15th day of January, 1949. Application for inspection of the premises, if so desired, should be made to the said Receiver.

For further particulars and inspection of the plans of the properties apply to he Receiver or to the undersigned at their Office at "Whiteaway" Laidlaw Building", Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.

PATEL & EZEKIEL
Attorneys for the Receiver.
(2592)

PUBLIC NOTICES

TENDER NOTICE

The Divisional Engineer, G.I.P. Railway, Loco Offices Building, Parel, invites percentage tenders in sealed covers upto 3-00 P.M. on 17-1-1949 for "Construction of 12 units Mitra 'B' type quarters at Kalyan". Tender form, Schedule and conditions of contract can be had from his office on payment of Rs. 2/- per set. Drawings for the work can also be had on an additional payment of Rs. 8/-. These sums will not be refunded. (2701)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS from our client tenders are invited for the purchase of the entire lot of scrap metals, old machineries, instruments, equipment etc. lying in five different lots together with the existing godown structure, furniture etc. situate at passage B, Darukhana, Mazagaon, Bombay open for inspection during business hours to reach our office by 4 P. M. on the 30th December 1948.

The tenderers will submit their offers on their own forms together with a deposit amounting equivalent to 10 p.c. of their offer. The offer will remain open till 4th January 1949 and the successful tenderer shall have to pay the balance and take possession of the materials, structure etc. within one week from the date of the acceptance of his/their offer.

The party concerned does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender or to assign reasons for non acceptance.

Messrs. MAZAGONWALLA & CO.
Attorneys-at-law,
Lentin Chambers,
Dalal Street
Fort, Bombay.
22-12-1948.
(2702)

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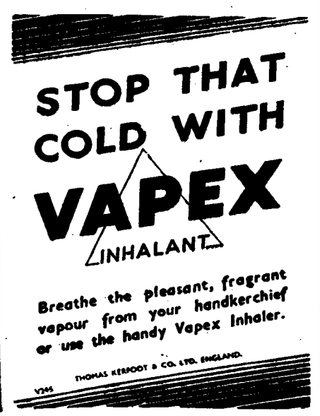
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY.
IN INSOLVENCY
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DECLARE DIVIDEND.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Official Assignee of Bombay intends to declare dividends in the following estates as mentioned below:—

Serial No.	Insolvency No.	Name of the insolvent.	Dividend intended to be declared
1.	17 of 1947.	Tyeballi Lookmanji Rajkotwalla.	First.
2.	72 of 1947.	Alfred Michael Dontre.	Do.
3.	76 of 1947.	Pradyamma Karsondas Gandhi.	Do.
4.	97 of 1947.	Cecil Lyon Mercado.	Do.
5.	108 of 1947.	Sawlaram Pandurang Sonawne.	Do.
6.	134 of 1946.	Ravishankar Vithal Mistry.	First and Final.
7.	65 of 1947.	Manchar Bhawani Telang.	Do.
8.	80 of 1947.	Nooralli Noormahomed Khoja.	Do.
9.	230 of 1941.	George Archibald Cecil Staley.	Second and Final.
10.	111 of 1944.	Satyendranath Damodar Kharkar.	Do.
11.	116 of 1941.	Charles Mathew Winfield.	Fourth and Final.
12.	20 of 1942	Vaijnath Gajanan Kulkarni.	Supplementary and Final
13.	115 of 1946.	Trikamji Ratansey.	Preferential Distribution
14.	106 of 1947.	Mazarkhan Arifullakhan.	Do.

Creditors who have not proved their claims are requested to do so in the Office of the undersigned within fourteen days from the date hereof If they fail to do so, their claims will be excluded and the undersigned will proceed to declare a dividend in the respective estates, as stated above without regard to such claims.

All persons having claims against the Official assignee in the abovementioned estates in respect of costs charges, expenses, rent, lien or otherwise, are hereby requested to notify their claims to the undersigned within fourteen days from the date of this advertisement. On expiry of the said period, the assets in the above estates will be distributed and the claims received after that period will not be recognised.

Bombay, dated this 15th day of December, 1948.
Official Assignee's office.
High Court, Bombay.

G. G. MAHADEVIA,
Official Assignee of Bombay.
(2604)

POLISHING OF RICE UNLAWFUL

New Bombay Order

Under the Bombay Rice Mills Licensing Order, 1943, millers were required till now, under clause 4 of their licence, to mill all paddy brought to them in such a way as to give it only single polish, and were required for this pupose to pass it only once through the huller in the case of the huller type machines, while in the case of the automatic machines, milling was to be stopped as soon as the rice had received only half polish.

The Government of Bombay has now, with a view to the conservation of supplies and retention of the nutritive elements in the rice product, issued, in consultation with the Standing Committees of the Bombay Food Advisory Council and the Provincial Food and Commodities Advisory Board, an order directing that no miller shall mill rice in such manner as to give it any degree of polish. It would be unlawful for the millers hereafter to apply any polish to rice in their mills.

The above Order has been published in Part I of the Bombay Government Gazette, Extra-ordinary dated December 23, 1943.

BOMBAY CONTINGENT FOR SCIENCE CONGRESS

BOMBAY, Dec. 23 (API): Over twenty leading scholars, each prominent in his own department of science, will represent Bombay at the 26th session of the Indian Science Congress to be held at Allahabad from January 3 to 8 under the presidentship of Dr. Sir K. S. Krishnan. Besides scientists from all over India, the Congress will be attended by eminent scientists from a number of other countries including the United Kingdom and USSR.

The Bombay University contingent will include Dr. H. J. Bhabha, India's chief exponent of atomic research, which is likely to be one of the main subjects to be discussed at the Conference. Dr. B. D. Karve, principal of the Fergusson College, Poona, and Dr. K. Venkatraman, Director of Chemical Technology, Bombay, will be the other two representatives of the university.

The Haffkine Institute will send six representatives led by Major-General Sir S. S. Sokhey. The party from the Royal Institute of Science Bombay will consist of thirteen members, led by Dr. Mata Prasad, principal of the Institute.

The conference will be presided over by Mr. T. Das, a veteran chemist of India.

Industrial Disputes For Adjudication

The industrial disputes between the Bharat Tiles and Marble Limited, Bombay, and the Bombay Cycle and Motor Agency, Limited, Bombay and the workmen employed under them have been referred by the Government of Bombay, for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal.

Hindi Book Forfeited

The Chief Commissioner, Delhi has forfeited to His Majesty all copies of the book in Hindi entitled "Swadhinta Ka Kalp Vruksha" part VII written by Shri Shyam Ji Prashar, M.A., published by Rashtra Nirman Granthmala, Karol Bagh, Delhi and printed at the Bharat Mrudanalaya, Delhi Gate and the Krishna Printing Press, Charkhewalan, Delhi.

BARODA MOVE FOR PRISON REFORM

BARODA, Dec. 23 (UPI)—The Baroda Government have appointed a committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Chunilal P. Shah, Labour and Rural Reconstruction Member, to examine the existing provisions of laws and rules relating to jail administration and make recommendations to improve the method of dealing with prisoners in jail with special reference to their training in useful and productive crafts, provision of amenities of life such as sanitation, food, etc. and their education which will enable them to become useful and self-supporting memberes of the society.

Pattabhi's Assurance To French Indians

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (UPI)—Shri R. L. Purushottam Reddiar, President of the French India National Congress, on his way back from Jaipur, met the Congress President and other leaders in Delhi and explained to them the present political situation in French India after the recent Municipal elections.

The Congress President at the end of the talks is reported to have assured him that he will do his best to help the cause of the people of French possessions in India.

FREEDOM FOR PEACE, TRUTH AND LOVE

Mani Advises Students To Be Disciplined

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 23 (UPI): "We have won the freedom of our country after a continuous and ceaseless struggle not for dominating our neighbour or any weak and oppressed country, but to give the world a message of peace, truth and love of humanity. This is the message which our beloved leader, Mahatma Gandhi, gave us" said Mr. A. D. Mani Managing Editor of the "Hitavada" and a member of the Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors Conference, inaugurating the annual social function of the Mahakoshal Mahavidyalaya at Jubbulpore.

Exhorting the students to be disciplined as they were the builders of tomorrow, Mr. Mani remarked that during his various trips to the United States and other foreign countries he had witnessed a scuffle over the atom bomb between Russia on the one hand and the U.S.A. on the other. The only way to avert a third world war was to follow the path shown by Gandhiji.

Later Mr. Mani unveiled a portrait of Dr. Dhar, the late Principal of Mahavidyalaya and one of the greatest mathematicians of India.

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Dutch Following In Hitler's Footsteps

"THROW THEM OUT OF U. N.", SAYS HODGSON

China Supports Cease-Fire Move In Security Council

INDIA DEMANDS INDONESIAN LEADERS' RELEASE

PARIS, Dec. 23 (U.P.A.) Australia's W. F. Hodgson declared today that the Dutch should be thrown out of the United Nations because they are doing in Indonesia "what Hitler did to the Netherlands in 1940". Hodgson referred to the effect on Australia of the Dutch action.

Hodgson said: "It affects my country, causes strikes and turmoil, causes loss of vital raw materials, and gives cause for extremists to take charge in areas vital to our well-being".

Hodgson's attack against the Dutch came after China announced her support of the American resolution demanding an immediate withdrawal of the Dutch troops in Indonesia.

Russia also was expected to support this stand.

RELEASE REPUBLICAN LEADERS

India's D. B. Desai supported the United States resolution and the amendment to it calling for release of the Republican leaders by the Dutch.

Mr. Desai charged: "One cannot but help coming to the conclusion that the period of negotiations between the Netherlands and the Republic was in fact used by the Dutch for military preparation." He said that the Dutch attack was "entirely unprovoked and uncalled for."

CHINA'S CALL FOR PROMPT ACTION

PARIS, Dec. 23 (Reuter): When the Security Council resumed its emergency session on Indonesia today, Mr. C.L. Hsia, acting for Dr. Tsiang, permanent Chinese delegate who was not present, said his country would support the draft resolution put forward yesterday by the United States Syria and Colombia, calling on the Council to order an immediate ceasefire and the withdrawal of troops to their positions before the fighting began five days ago.

Mr. G. L. Hsia said the growing gravity of the situation in Indonesia, called for prompt action by the Security Council—action more specific and unequivocal than that of August 1, 1947, (when the Security Council called for a cease-fire during the previous hostilities).

For that reason, he would support the resolution tabled yesterday in the names of the United States, Syria and Colombia calling for an immediate cease-fire.

U.N. COMPETENT

He did not accept the contention of the Netherlands' delegate that the Council was not competent to deal with the question.

"I cannot imagine that the Security Council, having kept up the question of Indonesia for 18 months and after giving much reflection to the matter, would declare itself incompetent and would wish to wash its hands of the matter like Pontius Pilate. That is to me unthinkable. The Security Council is now faced with a much more serious situation because hostilities have resumed"

Mr. Hsia reminded the Council that they had already insisted on a cease hostilities order, settlement by arbitration and frequent reports by the two parties to the Council.

Colonel W. R. Hodgson (Australia) said the statements by the Netherlands and Indonesian representatives yesterday followed the lines they had heard a year ago and did not assist the Council to reach a decision on the immediate and urgent short-term problem confronting them.

INDONESIA'S POSITION

Col. Hodgson said Indonesia answered all requirements of international law. It was a state with one defined territory and an organisation of Government responsible for that territory, independent of foreign control. It was substantially recognised by other states and was capable of making international agreements.

The United States, Britain, Egypt, the Netherlands, India and several other countries all recognised Indonesia as a 'de facto' state.

Col Hodgson said that while the Netherlands Government maintained its points of view about the incompetence of the Council, a representative of the Netherlands had said before the world that his Government would observe and act on the resolution of August 1 last.

UNDERTAKING VIOLATED

"That solemn undertaking has been violated. This is the first clearcut deliberate violation of the charter by a member.

"The consequence is — if the Council faces up to the matter — expulsion from the United Nations.

"The representative of the United States yesterday referred to lack of co-operation but did not attempt to apportion blame. His Government knows the reason and the full facts, the same as my Government does."

Col Hodgson said the Council, confronted with a direct challenge, must make concerted attempt to prevent the destruction and waste of life.

"Tragic is the only word which can describe the Dutch action, for the consequences may well be incalculable, not only in the Netherlands East Indies but throughout South-east Asia and, indeed in the metropolitan territory of the Netherlands."

WORSE THAN HITLER'S ACTION

The Dutch action, he added, was "worse even than Hitler did to the Netherlands in 1940."

"We are told this is a police action. Do police issue military operation orders, military supply orders, military communication orders imposing military censorship, employ tanks, heavy artillery, paratroops and have combined chiefs of staff to carry out detailed military, air and naval operations?

"Anybody knows full well this operation must have been initiated weeks ago and, indeed, the Good Offices Committee refers to that in its last message to this Council.

"Zero hour must have been given with full approval and knowledge of the Netherlands cabinet.

"On Friday last, the representative of the Netherlands at this table informed me and other representatives that the door had not been closed, that no direct action was contemplated and negotiations would continue.

PRE-PLANNED ATTACK

"We shall, probably, never know why the Netherlands took this action in violation of their many pledges. We may never know the true motives, but we can assess their possible consequences."

The Dutch action, he said, would certainly lose them goodwill and co-operation and would certainly cause "unrest throughout Southeast Asia, which will involve the Netherlands in a constant drawing on their resources and manpower to keep the Netherlands East Indies people in subjection."

RESOLUTION

The resolution presented yesterday by the United States, Syria and Colombia, and supported by China, said: "The Security Council considers the resumption of hostilities in Indonesia to be in conflict with the resolution adopted by the Security Council on August 1, 1947. It calls upon the parties to cease hostilities forthwith. Withdraw immediately their armed forces to their respective sides of the demilitarised zones restablished by the truce agreement.

"It instructs the Committee of Good Offices to report to the Security Council fully and urgently by telegraph, assessing the responsibility for the outbreak of hostilities."

Australia proposed that the last paragraph be deleted and the following clauses substituted. For the immediate release of the President, Dr. Seokarno, and other political prisoners arrested since December 18.

"It instructs the Committee of Good Offices, one to observe the report to the Security Council in compliance with sub-paragraphs A and B.

Two, to ensure that there are no reprisals or punitive actions against individuals."

Col Hodgson said that in Australia's view, the United States proposal did not fully meet the facts.

He did not see why the Good Offices Committee was asked to decide responsibility. He honed the Council

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U. N. COUNCIL ON TRIAL

Pakistan Parliament Discusses Indonesia

KARACHI, Dec. 23 (A.P.I.): The Dominion Parliament resumed sitting at 10-30 a.m. with the President Mr. Tamizuddin Khan in the chair.

Mr. Jogendra Nath Mandal, Minister for Law and Labour, introduced a Bill to amend the Essential Personnel (registration) Ordinance 1948.

Mr. Ghulam Mohammed, Pakistan's Minister for Finance and Economic Affairs, moved that his Bill providing for the Control of Banking Companies by the State Bank of Pakistan be taken into consideration.

Mr. Dhirendra Nath (East Bengal) moved an amendment that the Bill be referred to a select committee with instructions to submit its report by the 28th December, 1948.

Mr. Kamini Kumar Dutta, supported the amendment.

The amendment was rejected and the House agreed to take the bill into consideration.

When the parliament reassembled at 4 p.m. the House took up Mr. Nazir Ahmed Khan's adjournment motion "to discuss the situation arising out of the Dutch military action against the Indonesian Republic and its repercussions in Pakistan."

Moving the adjournment of the House, Mr. Nazir Ahmed Khan (West Punjab) said that would opinion during the last three days had denounced the Dutch aggression in Indonesia, and Pakistanis were one with others in condemning Dutch imperialism.

"It is not Indonesia but it is the Security Council which is on trial. The Dutch police action is a challenge to the United Nations in so far as the world is waiting to see how the Security Council deals with this unwarranted aggression he declared.

Mr. Nazir Ahmed Khan suggested a number of constitutional steps through which the Government of Pakistan could register its protest against the Dutch imperialist move.

The Government, he said, could send a diplomatic protest to the Netherlands Government, cut off diplomatic relations, disallow the use of air and marine bases and ports in Pakistan to the Dutch, withdraw all facilities at present available to them and even seize the arms and ammunition that was being supplied to the Dutch army in Indonesia through Pakistan.

Mr. Srish Chandra Chatopadhya, leader of the opposition, who was the next speaker, strongly supported the motion.

POPULAR GOVERNMENT FOR HYDERABAD

Ramanand On Need For Early Formation

SECUNDERABAD, Dec. 23 (UPI): Swami Ramanand Tirth, President of the Hyderabad State Congress, stressed the urgency of formation of a popular Government in the State without delay.

The Swamiji said that basic problems of the people such as the removal of poverty, spread of literacy, hygiene etc, could be solved effectively only by the people's accredited representatives.

Continuing, he said that the State Congress favoured radical land reforms even by means of an executive order as there was no legislature functioning to enact such laws and which did not brook delay.

Referring to the projected Constituent Assembly for Hyderabad, Swamiji observed that it might have to function as a legislature also to facilitate the work of reforms and other allied matters.

"These and other demands, the State Congress is submitting in a memorandum to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru," the State Congress President added.

The Working Committee of the Hyderabad State Congress is meeting this evening to finalise the memorandum which will be placed by the State Congress President before Pandit Nehru, when he visits the headquarters of the Congress on the morning of December 25.

Former Vichy Minister Acquitted

PARIS, December 23 (Reuter): The French Supreme Court has acquitted the former Vichy Minister of the Interior, 61-year-old Marcel Bernard Peyrouton, of echarges arising out of his membership of the Petain Cabinet.

TOJO ISN'T REALLY DEAD, SAYS HIS WIFE

TOKYO, Dec. 23 (UPA): Mrs. Katsuko Tojo told her children today that their father, former Premier Hideki Tojo, isn't really dead.

"Don t think that your father has really died," she was quoted as saying.

MAHE JUDGE DISMISSED

For Alleged Anti-French Sympathies

CALICUT, December 23 (API): Six officials including a judge in the French possession of Mahe have been dismissed for their alleged anti-French sympathies, according to the reports received here. Reports of suspensions and transfers for such charges, since the October disturbances have also been received.

A number of persons are said to be under police custody, while over one hundred men and women have been interrogated by the police during the last two months. The ban on meetings and processions is still in force.

Meanwhile, the Police Chief and another police officer of Mahe left for Pondicherry yesterday on receipt of an urgent summons.

Jute Exports From India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (API)—In spite of the acute difficulty felt by India in obtaining her requirements of raw jute from Pakistan over 94,655 bales of raw jute have been shipped from India between November 18 and December 14, 1948. Of this 41,890 bales were Indian-grown raw jute and 52,765 bales were Pakistan jute in transit.

Sardar Patel Leaves For Pilani

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (API)—The Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, left for Pilani today on a four-day visit for rest.

INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER IN LONDON

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (API)—The Ministry of External Affairs, in a press note contradicts the press reports that the Government of India had any intention to transfer Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon from the post of the High Commissioner for India in London or post Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit as High Commissioner for India there.

14 Greek Communists Executed

ATHENS, Dec. 23 (UPI): Fourteen Greek communists, including seven women, who had been condemned to death for co-operation with the guerillas, were executed today at Tripolis.

NEW WORLD OF NEW BORN ASIA

West Bengal Governor's Address At Visva-Bharati

SANTINIKETAN, Dec. 23 (API)—A new world of a new-born Asia in the near future was visualised by the West Bengal Governor Dr K. N. Katju, addressing here today the annual convocation of the Visva-Bharati.

Dr. Katju said that the world have changed greatly during the last forty-five years. Asia was on the march and was coming into its own, and even though other things might differ, the thought in these great countries—India, South East Asia, China and Japan—was all fundamentally one. It sprang fundamentally from the same roots and therefore the core of all national thought in all these countries seemed identical. It was therefore but natural that they should draw together and seek inspiration from the great sources. In this new world of a new-born Asia, Santiniketan would have a place of its own—what the poet dreamt of would come into reality, he added.

CZECHS & POLES FOR PAK AIR FORCE

LONDON, Dec. 23 (UPI): Pakistan will recruit Polish and Czech fliers for her air force as it fears that in the event of a clash with India the serving British airmen and technicians would be withdrawn according to a report current here today.

It is stated that a high Pakistan official is in London to sound the British Foreign Office reaction to such a move.

Jap Parliament Dissolved

TOKYO, Dec. 23 (Reuter): The Japanese Prime Minister Mr. Shigeru Yoshida, today dissolved the Japanese Parliament and called for a general election.

His action followed the passage of a formal no confidence vote sumbitted under an arrangement between the Government and the opposition to enable new elections to be held next year.

'Reds' Prepare For Final Attack On Nanking

CHINA'S NEW PREMIER DISPOSED TO 'HONOURABLE PEACE'

NANKING, Dec. 23 (Reuter)—China's new Premier, Dr. Sun Fo, warned his cabinet at its first meeting today that "only when we are able to make war can we make peace."

CALL FOR UNITY

He urged ministers to unite and cooperate and reaffirmed that he was favourably disposed to an "honourable peace", as reports came of Communist preparations for a final offensive against Nanking, the capital.

Dr. Sun Fo called for strengthening of the military position as the first essential for an eventful peaceful settlement with the Communists.

The Central Political Council of the Kuomintang (Government Party) earlier approved ten new ministers nominated by Dr. Sun Fo.

NEW MINISTERS

Among the new appointments were Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister—General Wu Teh—Chen, Vice-President of the Legislative Yuan (Council) and Secretary of the Kuomintang; Defence-General Yu Ta-Wei, Communications Minister in the previous government; Finance—Hsu Kan, who held the same post in the previous administration.

Observers in Nanking believed Dr. Sun's ministers were unlikely to be acceptable to the Communists as negotiators. Nor were they considered likely to be able or willing to force president Chiang Kai-shek to step down.

'REDS' DRIVE FOR NANKING

Military observers believed the government's last ten divisions on the Central China front had been deployed to meet the Communists expected final drive for Nanking.

Communist troops operating west of the Peiping-Hankow railway were today reported to have crossed the Honan-Hupeh border in a southward sweep.

This was believed to be aimed at preventing despatch of further government reinforcements to the Pengpu area, Northwest of Nanking.

Meanwhile on the northern front the garrison at Tientsin, major industrial centre, continued to withdraw to new defensive positions in the face of increasing probing attacks by Communists.

But General Fu Tso-Yis north China headquarters claimed to have driven out Communists who on Tuesday night penetrated into the port of Tangku. Tientsin's outlet to the sea.

Pro-government reports from Peiping said heavy casualties were inflicted on a force of 5,000 Communists near the summer palace in the northwest suburbs. Government troops were said to be counter attacking in the southern outskirts neor Nanyuan Airfield.

RUSH TO BUY GOLD BARS

SHANGHAI, Dec. 23 (Reuter): Seven people, including a woman, were trampled or suffocated to death when a crowd of several thousand, after queuing all night, tried to storm the Central Bank to buy gold bars and silver dollars, an official police report said.

The blackmarket price of the gold is around 3,700 yuans.

TSIANG'S WARNING TO WORLD

NEW YORK, Dec. 23 (Reuter). Dr. T F. Tsiang, permanent Chinese delegate to the United Nations said on his arrival from Paris that the Chinese situation was very serious for the whole world.

"I think the United States should give immediate and quicker and bigger aid to China."

INDIA & PAKISTAN BAN DUTCH AIRLINE

Sequel To Military Action Against Indonesia

NEW DELHI Dec. 23 (A.P.I.) The Government of India tonight announced suspension of the Dutch Air Line K. L. M.'s rights to operate in or in transit across India.

A press communique issued tonight by the External Affairs Ministry stated: "In view of the military action taken by the Dutch Government against the Republic of Indonesia, the Government of India have decided to suspend the rights of operation of K.L.M. or in transit across India. The necessary instructions are being issued to the aerodrome authorities not to clear K.L.M. aircraft to any Indian air port or flights in transit over Indian territory. No fuel will be issued to K.L.M. aircraft at Indian airports with effect from 1 a.m. tomorrow (Friday, Dec. 24).

INDIA REGARDS DUTCH ACTION AS STATE OF WAR

India's action banning K.L.M. air flights across India was taken under Article 89 of the International Civil Aviation Convention which authorises such kind of action in the event of a state of war. It is stated that the Government of India regard the Dutch "police action" as a state of war between the Netherlands and the Government of the Republicans to which the Government of India have already given 'de facto' recognition.

The Netherlands Ambassador in Delhi was duly informed of India's action today.

There are at present two services a week in each direction and no K.L.M. aircraft will be permitted to fly from early tomorrow morning.

STUDENTS' DEMONSTRATION

Police arrested here today about one hundred college students who had staged a demonstration outside the Dutch Embassy here in sympathy with the Indonesian Republican Government. The students were released in the evening.

PAKISTAN FOLLOWS SUIT

KARACHI, Dec. 23 (API): Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, announced in the Pakistan Parliament today that the Government of Pakistan had suspended the licence of the only Dutch Air Company in Pakistan—K.L.M.—from 1 a.m. on December 24.

Sir Mohammad, who was replying to the debate on Mr. Nazir Ahmad Khan's adjournment motion to discuss the situation arising out of the recent Dutch military action in Indonesia, assured the House that the Government of Pakistan would take every possible counter-step in this connection.

The Dutch police action in Indonesia was condemned by all sections of the House.

HOLLAND INFORMED OF CEYLON'S BAN

LONDON, December 23 (Reuter): Ceylon today officially informed Holland of her ban—imposed yesterday—on handling ships and planes carrying men or arms for use against the Indonesian Republic.

Ceylon yesterday closed her harbour and airports to all Dutch ships and aircraft carrying troops or war material for Indonesia. It was understood that other Dominion Goverments were informed of the ban.

Sir Oliver Goonetilleke, High Commissioner for Ceylon in Britain, visited the Netherlands Ambassador to Nkheer Michels Van Verduynem and handed to him the communications on behalf of his Government, regarding the ban.

Bomb Thrown At Tram In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23, (A. P. I.): While several tram cars were returning to depots towwards the evening along Wellesley street, a bomb was thrown at one of them but none was injured. An armed police guard in the car chased the alleged miscreant and arrested him. On a search, another live bomb and some prejudicial leaflets were recovered from his possession.

BEDELL-SMITH FOR WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec 23 (Reuter): Lt.-Gen. Walter Bedell-Smith, United States Ambassador to Russia, is returning to the United States for 'consultations".

He is reported to have asked President Truman sometime ago that he be relieved of his Moscow assignment, but was persuaded to remain until after the November election.

Officials declined to comment today whether General Bedell-Smith may seek to resign when he returns. The Ambassador has been in poor health for some time.

DUTCH TROOPS MAKE ADVANCE

Stiff Resistance By Republicans

BATAVIA, Dec. 23 (Reuter): Dutch troops tday advanced twenty miles and occupied Maoek on Java's north coast in the first day of their westward offensive from Tangerang near Java, according to a Dutch Army communique.

In the north of the neighbouring island of Sumatra Dutch troops flown by flying boats to Lake Tobawere reported to have pushed south to occupy Taroeoeng. Earlier they had occupied the airfield at Siborongborong, south of the lake.

Other Dutch troops starting out from Padang, halfway down the west coast of Sumatra, have crossed the former truce line.

The only mention in the communique of the operations in Central Java—where the "police action" started on Saturday—was of mopping up operations around Soerakarta.

A Dutch review of the first four days operations reported heavy republican resistance only twice—from the Siliwangi division in the Serajoe valley in South Central Java and from Republican troops, easing Bogen and Dampit, south east of Malang in Eastern Java.

U.N. "GOOD OFFICES" COMMITTEE REPORT

The United Nations Good Offices Committee in Indonesia has telegraphed a report to the Security Council in Paris giving details of the damage done in and around Jogjakarta since the Dutch pushed into Indonesian Republic territory last Sunday.

WEST JAVA CABINET RESIGNS

CANBERRA, Dec. 23 (Reuter): The Premier and Cabinet of West Java have resigned, a statement by the Australian Department of External Affairs said today.

AUSTRALIAN DOCKERS BOYCOTT DUTCH SHIPS

SYDNEY, Dec. 23 (Reuter): Australian dockers have decided to boycott Dutch ships trading between Australian ports and the Netherlands East Indies.

BURMA'S CONCERN

RANGOON, Dec. 23 (Reuter): Rangoon University students today drove twenty omnibuses aound the Dutch legation here, shouting "down with the imperialists" in a demonstration against the Dutch "police action" in Indonesia.

INDONESIA LEAGUE OF INDIA CONDEMNS DUTCH

BOMBAY, Dec. 23 (A.P.I.): The Working Committee of the Indonesia League of India, at its meeting here yesterday, condemned the "treacherous Dutch attack on the Indonesian Republic" and appealed to the Governments of Asia to help the Indonesian struggle in all possible ways.

The meeting elected Mr. S. A. Brelvi President and Mrs. Krishna Huthee-sing Vice-President of the League.

R.S.S. AGITATION SLACKENING

Reported Decrease In Arrests

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Bombay City Police took into custody today 50 R.S.S. volunteers in the city and suburbs.

AGITATION SLACKENING IN E. PUNJAB

SIMLA, Dec. 23, (API): About 1,900 R.S.S. workers have been arrested in East Punjab since the commencement of Satyagraha, it is officially estimated. During last four days marked decrease has been registered in arrests connected with the R.S.S. agitation which is reported to be slackening in the province.

COMMUNISTS SUPPORT R.S.S. SATYAGRAHA

RAJKOT, Dec. 23, (API): Three persons were arrested at Rajkot today on the charge of pasting posters, purporting to have been issued by the Communist party, expressing support to the R.S.S. prisoners in jail and demanding their release.

CONVICTION IN KARWAR

KARWAR, Dec. 22, (API): Out of the 28 R.S.S. workers who were arrested in Ankola (Karwar district) 26 have been tried by the Ankola Mamlatdar and sentenced to undergo varying terms of imprisonment ranging between 15 days and one year.